

Federal Street Plaza AD HOC Committee Minutes
City Hall - 313 Court Street
February 26, 2025 / 5:30

Attending:

Bets Stelzer, Dan Richardson, Kristen Lillvik, Marcus Swift, Benjamin Wring, Richard Mays, Matthew Klebes

Opening and Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 5:31. Due to a potential conflict of interest, it was announced that Steve Light resigned from the committee. Roll call was taken by the secretary. Kristen moved to approve the day's agenda, seconded by Ben and carried. Minutes for January 29th 2025 were presented. Ben moved to approve minutes from 01/29/25, seconded by Dan and carried.

Discussion

Mike Zillis from Walker Macy reviewed direction and input received so far from the committee. He then presented input that was collected from the city's outreach efforts and from the open house. Mike Believes that they are still on schedule and recommends actionable next steps for community outreach, and ways the local art community can be involved in the project. The committee discussed potential transit plans in relation to the plaza, and the project's timeline.

Public Comment

Chair opened to public comment.

Clair Graper: Is encouraged by community feedback. Recommended letting the community know what the results of the surveys were and which feedback the committee implemented.

Steve Light: Recommended honoring Hispanic community by using block letters at the entrance of the plaza spelling out The Dalles as is commonly done in South America. Also recommends tying in a fishing platform aesthetic to the shade structures to honor the indigenous community.

Rick Wolfe: Is concerned about the experience of the committee members. Recommends that other volunteer organizations such as the beautification committee be involved. He recommends pausing all progress on the plaza until The Port and other Historic elements can be understood and tied in. Would like more engineering done to uncover the history and geography of the area. He also believes more community input is necessary.

Updates: Matthew presented a letter of support to be sent in to the Travel Oregon Grant due this week. Committee reviewed and approved. Other grants from Google, and OPRD were reviewed. Matthew also laid out next steps for consultant deliverables, gave an update on progress with Craig Building Owner.

Closing

The next meeting was scheduled for 03/12/25 at 5:30. Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:27pm.

Submitted by/ Committee Secretary, Bets Stelzer

SIGNED:

Richard Mays, Chair

Bets Seltzer, Committee Secretary