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Meeting Minutes Historic Review Board

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair McLoughlin called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

3. Public Comments

Bob Mahoney, resident of Oregon City, shared his ideas regarding the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. This was a historical site and potential international point of destination. He thought it was a moving target and would extend 10 to 15 years before it was developed.

2. Presentations

Oregon City Sign Code Update

Laura Terway, Planner, gave a presentation on the Oregon City Sign Code update process and asked if the HRB had suggestions for the sign regulations for historic areas. These comments would be given to the Citizen Advisory Team and she asked that a representative of the HRB attend one of the CAT meetings.

There was discussion regarding what sign elements should or should not be in the McLoughlin District. The HRB did not want tv style moving signs, thought there should be consistent signs for the historic properties with a consistent font, no limiting of temporary signs, no commercial banners, and a need for transparent windows for businesses.

Ms. Terway said any other comments could be put on the website. The CAT team would meet four times from September to December and staff was getting as much public opinion as possible. The CAT team would then forward recommendations that would go through a legislative process.

Ms. Yates requested when the final draft came out to allow the Chamber of Commerce 30 days to review it. Ms. Terway said the draft would come out in January to be adopted in June.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner said there was a lack of enforcement currently, and part of this process would be to create a sustainable enforcement mechanism.

Willamette Falls Legacy Project- Community Conversation

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner gave an update on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and presented the Community Conversation PowerPoint presentation. This was part of the big picture visioning process. She explained the partnerships for the project, what had been removed from the site, what was left on the site, possible sale of the

property by Eclipse Development, historic significance of the site, reasons Metro did not pursue purchase of the property, visioning and master planning for the site, and rezoning the property to entice development. The Community Conversations would continue in the summer and fall, a concept design would be created in the fall and winter, and a final preferred plan would be done by April. She discussed the vision strategy, framework master plan, core values, funding from the State, and reviewed the features of the project website. There would be information at the Willamette Falls Festival October 5-6, Open House on October 8, and meeting of former Blue Heron employees on October 24, and vision survey would close on August 31. She asked for the HRB's thoughts as she went through the vision survey.

Some of the comments were: active streetscape through mixed use density, connection to Main Street, a park with access to the river and falls, history preserved and available for people to learn about, pedestrian connection from Clackamette Park to the site, historical experiences and monuments instead of a museum, no casino, big box retailers, circus rides, bars, or copy of other historic places, keeping the facade but building a new building inside, move the historic homes back to their original location, and pedestrian friendly access across 99E.

3. Communications

HRB 2013-2014 Work Plan

This item was not discussed.

4. Adjournment and Break for Dinner

Chair McLoughlin adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.