



BOONES FERRY RD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE 1)

Project Advisory Committee Meeting Summary *DRAFT*

West End Building Santiam Room - 4101 Kruse Way

May 19, 2015 – 9:00 am to 11:00 am

PAC Members in Attendance: Bruce Goldson, Lang Bates, Mike Buck, Carolyn Krebs, Debbie Siegel, Cheryl Uchida, Riccardo Spaccarelli, Trudy Corrigan

City & Consultant Staff: Brant Williams, Sid Sin, Stacy Bluhm, Terry Song (WHPacific), Ralph Tahrán (Tahrán Architecture), Ben Ngán & Jason Hirst (Nevue Ngán), Eryn Deeming Kehe (JLA)

Audience: Jeff Gudman (City Councilor), Mark Williams (Naomi's Lamp Shade), Julia Fowler (Blue Moon Coffee).

Handouts provided:

- Agenda
- Boones Ferry PAC Meeting Summary – April 30, 2015
- PAC Meeting Protocols Draft – May 8, 2015
- Streetscape Design Definitions

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. PROJECT UPDATE

- Draft Level 1 Hazardous Materials Assessment is being reviewed by staff.
- Topographical survey completed; working on base map.
- Geotechnical borings completed; draft report to be out in about 4 weeks.
- Traffic counts completed; draft report to be out in a couple weeks.
- Draft Social Media Memo and Draft Public Involvement and Communications Plan are being reviewed by staff.

2. DISCUSSION PROTOCOLS

- Draft of Discussion Protocols was reviewed. A few key points:
 - Silence will be interpreted as acceptance of the direction of the group.
 - Members agree to read provided materials in advance.
 - A two-thirds majority of voting members is required for an outcome to be represented as a committee recommendation. A minority report can be written if consensus is not reached.
 - City Council will be kept informed by staff. They will need to be engaged when preliminary design is complete by the end of the year to approve moving on to final design and property acquisition.
 - Draft Discussion Protocols to be revised per Committee comments.

3. DESIGN DEFINITIONS/THEME

- Streetscape Design Definitions document was discussed. A few key points:
 - An eclectic mix of architecture is called for in the Lake Grove Village Center; similar streetscape elements along the corridor should provide a setting to accommodate the different styles and provide a cohesive pedestrian environment.
 - Committee members noted that stormwater management was the intended definition emphasis for the Greenstreet reference to the Boones Ferry Project.

4. MAP: OPPORTUNITIES AND ISSUES SUMMARY

- A corridor map depicting earlier site tour comments and observations was reviewed. Some observations/concerns noted:
 - There will be a loss of a lot of trees.
 - Ensure that all driveways are depicted on the map.
 - There are grade differences that will require retaining walls; this may provide some design opportunities to create something more than just a wall (perhaps seating or art?)
 - Someone noted that the railing use on State Street was preferable over the railing application at the stormwater planters on 2nd Street.
 - Native or native-like landscape is preferred.
 - The importance of good signal spacing was noted which is a concern with shifting the signal at McDonald's (but the shift might open up some new parking opportunities).
 - If the signal near McDonald's was to shift to the north, modifications would likely be needed to redesign McDonald's circulation.
 - Woonerf concept for new signal approach west of BFR near McDonalds to be considered.
 - A developer has purchased three properties on the east side of BFR at Madrona with the intent to have their new access for the sites line up across from Madrona at the signal.
 - There is a desire to preserve the Douglas Firs along Oakridge at the Post Office.
 - Depict the Lanewood crosswalk.
 - Need to account for good pedestrian access to future parking structure. Look at pedestrian access to the pet hospital.
 - Concerned about the parking impact to the Mozena law office.
 - Concerned about possible negative impacts to Oakridge if a new garage exits at that intersection.
 - Concerned about pedestrian safety at the current signal at Reese and with the roadway alignment of Reese/Oakridge.

5. HISTORY

- Susan Kuo and Mary Lou Culver provided some historical background in the hopes that it might provide inspiration for the architectural elements of the project (presenter notes attached). Highlights included:
 - BFR is one of the oldest roads in the Willamette Valley
 - Alphonso Boone (grandson of Daniel Boone) operated a Ferry across the Willamette.
 - Other streets bear the name of early settlers; like Bryant, Carman, and Kruse. Interpretive signs could honor these early settlers.
 - The Red Electric Railway had a station in Lake Grove. People preferred to live near the train depot so development began in that area first.
 - Early roads were created out of split logs.
 - Boones Ferry Days celebrated the new 4-lane roadway in 1960.
 - BFR was a corridor of fir trees and another indigenous plant was the camas plant.
 - The bobcat population was significant.

6. PUBLIC/OTHER COMMENTS

- Some PAC members indicated that they weren't supportive of social media that would require them to join social media sites to view (like Pinterest). They were more interested in information being posted on the city's project website.
- It was requested that the City share PAC member's email contact information with the group.