



BOONES FERRY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 1

Project Advisory Committee Meeting Summary *DRAFT*

Lake Oswego Main Fire Station Conference Room - 300 B Avenue

June 16, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Audience: Jeff Gudman (City Councilor)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. PROJECT UPDATE

The team is almost finished with site visits. Final hazmat report, draft traffic and pedestrian memos submitted, geotech, including infiltration tests, and pavement reports due next week. Traffic study results remain close to what they were in 2012. Geotech found cobbles and boulders, but no big surprises. Beginning alignment refinements and stormwater layout.

3. REVIEW PAC MEETING TOPICS/APPROVE PAC PROTOCOLS

These meetings are a cumulative process with topics covered in a proposed sequence as shown in the handout chart. July will focus on storm water; hardscape will be covered in August; greenscape in September; and urban design elements in October. A draft streetscape plan for Boones Ferry will be presented in November with a final plan anticipated for December. Roadway alignment design issues will also be part of the upcoming agendas.

Meetings will continue to be the third Tuesdays, but maybe change based on vacations. We'll work around vacation dates if two or more members are unable to attend. The public open house should be scheduled for this fall.

The revised draft meeting protocols were approved by the PAC.

4. THEME DISCUSSION (NATURAL, HISTORIC, ART, OTHER)

Ralph addressed architectural theme in light of the current and future diversity of buildings along Boones Ferry Rd. City staff is developing a handbook of acceptable styles in Lake Grove. Urban design can define an identity for the place, providing a cohesive setting for the various architectural styles allowed by Code. Reinforcement of the urban design as an

identity for the project could include four items that have been discussed by members the past two meetings: historic elements, nature, sustainability, and art.

A strong consistent emphasis will create the unique identity. Challenges are space restrictions. The PAC expressed its support for this general direction as presented by the project team.

5. STREETSCAPE ELEMENT EXAMPLES

Ben and Jason reviewed with the PAC a variety of streetscape element boards. Plants, street furniture, sidewalks, median ideas were reviewed. The group discussed how these elements would influence theme. Street trees adjacent to the sidewalk will face the challenge of a 3.5 foot planting zone. Iconic trees for the 10 foot median in the middle of the road could be a key to defining the identity of the project.

Storm water plantings could include a variety of native plants. Special plantings such as planters, green walls, and green roofs could be considered.

Other features would include art work (possibly from Arts Council), as well as items expressing Lake Grove history and character. Water features, signage, branding, lighting, benches, and pearls (gathering spaces) could all be incorporated into the design.

Architectural elements could include low walls, various vertical elements, transit shelters, and bike corrals. Sidewalks can be designed in a way to complement the many styles of architecture.

6. BOONES FERRY ROAD OPPORTUNITIES

The PAC was presented with a test area that showed a draft design concept of the street section between Bryant Rd. and the Zupan's development. The group discussed opportunities for accomplishing the goals of the project within the constrained right-of-way. A key one being "events" along the corridor that will provide for additional space for smaller gathering places breaking up the continuous, linear 9-ft. wide sidewalk and planting strip area. While concerns were expressed about design elements (intersection and median design, crossing design and location, etc.), the group as a whole expressed support for the type of concepts presented.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT/OTHER COMMENTS

Councilor Gudman was the only person in the audience. He stated that he's fine with direction of the work thus far.

8. ADDITIONAL UPDATES

The webpage for PAC members will be available later this week.

9. SUMMARY AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m. The next meeting will take place on July 21 at 9a.m. at the West End Building.