



BOONES FERRY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 1

Project Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Lake Oswego City Hall – Council Chambers

June 21, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Audience: Garrett Stephenson (Perkins Coie LLP, representing McDonald's & Chevron)

1. Welcome

Eryn reviewed the goals of the meeting which included: project updates, review meeting process (including subcommittee) and review expanded sidewalk area priorities.

2. Review Urban Design Plan and 2015 PAC Decisions

Eryn reviewed the 2015 PAC decisions that were made:

- Themes – nature, history, art, sustainability
- Light fixtures – arched roadway arm and pendant
- Furnishings – natural, sculptural, simplicity
- Hardscape materials – materials used for emphasis at ESAs (expanded sidewalk areas)
- Street trees – varied species and irregular placement to maintain business visibility
- Stormwater planters and ESA – native, naturalistic, agricultural
- Median plantings – At lowland areas there will be similar plantings as used at the east sidewalk planters that are used for stormwater treatment with other coarser/larger plants. The upland areas will be a dryer palette similar to the west sidewalk planters, but also with some larger plants

Additional items discussed:

- Sidewalk Landscaping - Is the sidewalk landscaping the same on the east and west side? Some of the plantings will be the same, but because the stormwater facilities on the east side, there will be some "wet" plants there.
- Art - There should be art that fits into the theme and identify of the area. Potential funding could come from the City's Neighborhood Enhancement Grant program. With the three neighborhoods, there is the potential to get 1-3 pieces of art. A PAC member mentioned they liked the ideas that the

Art's Council presented for the Lake Grove area – they were more functional and different than the downtown.

- Define Sustainability – PAC members need to better understand what the term “sustainability” means when it is used in the context of this project. To some it means biodiversity and green streets.
- Pedestrian Safety/Crossing – We need to develop a litmus test to determine if traffic is flowing better and the roads are safer to make sure we are meeting our goal. Will the flow be good for the 20 year period it was designed for? PAC members asked for talking points for this topic.

3. 2016/2017 PAC Meeting Schedule (Refer to schedule handout)

Terry reviewed the schedule indicating that we're working towards the 60% plans and by August need to know the total right-of-way needed. The PAC will need to make decisions on what it wants to see for street improvements. During this time we'll also be working with property owners on their level of interest for ESAs, including if they are purchased or granted through easements.

4. Subcommittee (refer to handout for detailed proposal)

Ben explained the purpose of the subcommittee was to provide PAC members the time to get into the details of the streetscape design and to provide the design team quick feedback on design ideas. Meetings would be at Nevue Ngan's office or field trips and be in addition to the monthly PAC meetings. The subcommittees have the chance for expanded dialogue with the designers and will be bringing back information to the PAC for further vetting and decision. There needs to be 1-2 members that consistently follow the three topic areas of Art/History, Streetscape Materials and Plants. It was also suggested that these subcommittees be opened to community members that have knowledge in these topic areas.

The PAC agreed it was a good idea and members volunteered for the following topics:

- ART/HISTORY - Mike, Trudy and Carolyn
- STREETSCAPE MATERIALS - Lang, Bruce and Carolyn
- PLANTINGS - Riccardo, Cheryl, Mike and Carolyn

Two other topics were identified as potential subcommittee topics:

- Pedestrian Experience – need to help the public visualize and articulate how the new improvements will feel and look. Sketch-Up will be used to provide perspectives of some (not all) key locations such as midblock crossings and ESAs.
- Messaging – Consistent key messages and information people need to know.
- Signage – Lake Grove identify, not just for businesses, but directional and traffic signage.

5. Expanded Sidewalk Areas (ESA) Priorities

Jason described the updated 30% Streetscape Plan. Overall, there were no major changes, only minor refinements. Specifically, the new map has an updated base map and shows new right-of-way lines, new red line shows the proposed new curb line, curb alignments, curb radius, new retaining wall locations, sidewalk widths and iconic trees. The map also shows the transition at Madrona Road between the West Lake Grove Design District (WLGDD) and the Lake Grove Village Center Plan. Staff will confirm that the proposed design south of the intersection is designed to the WLGDD standards.

Jason explained the ESA priority labels on the map, indicating that the design team ranked the areas in order of A, B or C based on their design perspective, but asked for feedback from the PAC. While the project will pursue all of the sites, they were prioritized in the event that some needed to be removed due to budgetary or other reasons.

PAC members indicated that the rankings were on track. Other comments included:

- Aaron Brothers/Lavang site should be changed to an “A” because it was central to the all of the development and the largest. All iconic trees should be pursued because they are important to the streetscape.
- We must consider future development of the site and have a commitment from the property owner to support the longevity of the ESAs.
- Ensure property owner understand the ESAs as well as other areas on Boones Ferry Road will have art.
- Members like the “pairing” of ESAs which describes the location of ESA areas across or next to other ESA areas.
- Continue to look for opportunity for ESAs, but ensure they provide the biggest bang for the buck.

6. Project Updates (refer to handout)

In addition to the update in handout:

- Neighborhood Traffic Management meetings with neighborhoods abutting the project area will be initiated in the next few weeks.
- Continue the design and location of utility vaults. Most will be on the west side of the street and could be integrated in the ESAs. Design should be completed in the next few months.
- There was concern about low water pressure in the Lake Grove water district area. Bruce indicated that the water district improvements will not increase the water pressure.
- It was clarified that the cost of the stormwater upgrades would be included in the cost of this project because there were inadequate funds on the City’s stormwater funds to cover those costs.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held Tuesday, July 19th, at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego).