



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE- Summary Minutes

Zoom Webinar

April 22, 2021, 6:00 PM

CAC Members Present: Ann Vaughn, Kate Perle, Mary Leontovich, Jon Belcher, Ed McMahon, Harry Sanger, Beth Gerot, Jerry Finigan, Louie Vidmar

Community Members Present: Carleen Reilly, Jolene Siemsen

Staff Present: Chelsea Hartman, Elena Domingo, Terri Harding, Leah Perry

Agenda Items

1. Standing Items

- Introductions and Kudos/Gratitude
- Agenda Review
- Public Comments
 - Carleen Reilly – River Road resident, no comments just observing.
 - Jolene Siemsen – wanted to highlight the topic of public access to the Willamette Greenway, specifically siting the sharp right turn to go through Razor Park.
 - Jon responded that RRCO has an Ad Hoc Committee dedicated to the Willamette Greenway and they are developing a proposal to resolve this specific concern and giving notice to property owners.

2. Debrief Eugene Planning Commission (EPC) and Lane County Planning Commission (LCPC) Meetings

- Debriefed the Lane County Planning Commission meetings.
 - In the first LCPC meeting there was confusion from commissioners about what their role was in the project, they needed more time to review the materials, they wanted to hear from County staff, and they brought up specific concerns related to urban animal keeping and multi-family development.
 - In the second LCPC meeting commissioners supported moving into the Adoption Phase and coming back with code amendments based on the Group 1 concepts. There was an interest in providing more feedback, including input related to actions implemented by projects and programs.
 - Staff talked about the idea of doing briefings with LCPC commissioners, meeting in smaller groups to give more detailed overview – similar to meetings with EPC resources.
 - Some of the County actions commissioners had a specific interest in were: 3.2, 6.3.1, 9.2.1, 12.3.1

- Debriefed the Eugene Planning Commission meeting.
 - There were many accolades for the process given and an interest from commissioners to talk about actions not included in the plan adoption package. There were questions related to: how MovingAhead dovetails with the Neighborhood Plan, a timeline for adoption, and statewide planning goal changes.
 - EPC wanted to make sure that the plan was being drafted through the lens of achieving citywide goals and promoting equity to the city as a whole.

3. Discuss Upcoming City Council and Board of Commissioners Meetings

- The PMT will be going to Eugene City Council on May 12th and the Lane County Board of Commissioners on May 18th with the same project updates given at the Planning Commissions.
- PMT talked about drafting a letter from CAC to Council to give support for the Group 1 actions, but also highlight some of the Group 3 actions that aren't part of the Neighborhood Plan adoption package- those that need resources or should be a citywide initiative, etc.
- There aren't many code related priority items in Group 3, but want to suggest a process for those ones to be acknowledged and potentially "on deck" so that they aren't forgotten.
- Would need to have a letter to Council anytime before the meeting on May 12th, aiming to send it to them on May 10th so it's fresh in their minds for the meeting.
- Don't want the letter to be too long – focus on the key messages we want them to hear.
- Discussed the importance for Council to have built-in review periods to look at approved but unfunded projects (i.e. Council direction to work on when resources are available). Want to be able to bring these projects in front of Council again in the future, having a check-in where staff and the neighborhoods can bring these projects back to Council, which tags everyone with the responsibility to keep moving these things forward. It's critical because so much work has been done on this plan.
- Talked about how some actions may be more time sensitive and can't wait a few years for a review before advocating for them to start.
 - CAC needs to decide which actions to include on this list of more pressing issues (and why they are urgent) and/or actions that are further prioritized priority actions to put those forward in the letter.
 - Want to be clear about what the ask is.
- Don't want to lose sight of the fact that the Group 1 code items are still going to be a big lift themselves and we need Council support there too. We need support on the Neighborhood Plan and Group 1 code before we can ask them to move forward on other things.
- Suggested CAC members check-in with councilors. Jon is meeting with Councilor Syrett on Saturday. Ed said the next time he talks with Councilor Clark on other items, he'll bring up the Neighborhood Plan.
- Jon has started a list of Group 3 actions to potentially include, he will share that with CAC on Monday and subsequently there will be an email exchange to see if everyone can agree on the specific actions to include.
 - Everyone can look at the "Priority Actions Not in Group 1" PDF and pull the specific actions they think should be included in the letter – both those that are urgent and those that are high priority.

- We're not re-prioritizing items but asking for ways and resources to implement them and giving a heads up that the neighborhoods will keep advocating for these things.
- Also, some actions are important for the entire city and this may be another reason for Council to find resources for them.
- Asked for staff feedback on the letter once it's drafted and before it goes to Council.
- Recap of letter-writing process: Jon going to send matrix he started of Group 3 priority items to include and a basic outline of what the letter should be, everyone else to look at the Group 3 actions in the "Priority Actions Not in Group 1" PDF to flag which actions they think should be included in the letter, we'll try to get this done through email. Staff will review. Get letter to Council by May 10th.
- Terri noted that the Planning Commission wrote a letter to Council on the Clear and Objective Recommendations and could look at that when drafting, she will send a copy to Jon.

4. Wrap Up/Next Steps

- On May 26th the Council and LTD Board will be having a joint meeting on the MovingAhead process.
- RRCO wrote a letter to state committee in opposition to HB 2558 and two days later it was dropped, Jon thinks the input had an effect.

Follow-Ups

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- Terri will send Jon copy of Planning Commission's letter to Council on Clear and Objective.