



MINUTES
RIVER ROAD RENAISSANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 24, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Vice Chair Jim Taylor. Those in attendance were:

Present:

Chris Arnett	Traffic Safety Commission Representative
Cliff Voliva	Gateway North Representative
Jim Nardi (5:40)	Gateway South Representative
James Taylor	Keizer City Council
Renee Braun	Sunset Triangle Representative
Stuart Crosby	Keizer Urban Renewal Board Representative
James Hupy	Chemawa Representative
Kevin Baker	Planning Commission Representative

Absent:

Lore Christopher	Mayor
Brandon Bay, Chair	President, Chamber of Commerce
Hank Tarter	Claggett Creek Representative
Vickie Hilgemann	Keizer Points of Interest Representative
Tom Fox	Citizen At Large

Staff Present:

Nate Brown	Community Development Director
Debbie Lockhart	Deputy City Recorder

Appearance of Interested Citizens ~ None

Approval of Minutes ~ Stuart Crosby moved to approve the July minutes. James Hupy seconded. Motion passed by all members who attended the July meeting. (Taylor, Voliva, Braun, Hupy and Crosby) with Arnett and Baker abstaining and Nardi absent at the time of the vote.)

OLD BUSINESS

Lockhaven and River Road Improvements Update ~ Nate distributed the latest drawing adding that it is not quite ready for bidding due to structural details that need to be developed. He described various particulars of the plan including bollards, handrail, cantilevered sidewalk, landscaping and irrigation, retaining wall and cribbing. Discussion

followed regarding improving the bridge at the strip mall. Cliff Voliva reported that he and Hank Tartar had agreed upon a simple, cylindrical, functional bollard with a rounded top. Jim Hupy moved to accept the bollard recommendation from Cliff and Hank. Chris Arnett seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Taylor, Voliva, Braun, Hupy, Arnett, Nardi, Baker and Crosby). Following dialogue concerning the height of the bollard and the installation, Nate offered to contact the manufacturer regarding the specifications. Additional discussion took place focusing on landscaping, bidding and timing.

West Coast Bank ~ Renee Braun reported that she had an updated bid from DeSantis and had received approval for the water feature from the bank. The bank is considering improving the north side of the property, between the dry cleaners and the bank. Nate Brown has approached Peterson Engineering regarding this and is awaiting response from them. Plans are in the works to contact the owner of the dry cleaners regarding participating in this improvement. Discussion took place regarding a survey and the bid amount from DeSantis. Ms. Braun added that the Bank budget year ends on December 31 and the bank was hoping to be finished with the job by then.

Keizer Plaza ~ Mr. Brown reported that the Cash Store would be demolished on October 26. There have been some difficulties encountered because the contractor did not realize that the south driveway was relocated.

Keizer Corner Plantings ~ Jim Hupy recommended low maintenance planting similar to that on Chemawa Road for Keizer Corner Plantings. He added that it is the consensus that the bench styles be the same along River Road with the colors varying to match the colors of the districts. Mr. Brown added that the transit district has agreed to install the bench in front of Baskin Robbins.

Art Walk ~ Nate Brown indicated that Mayor Christopher was interested in developing a program that works with local artists to display their work (outdoor sculptures) for a year. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Other Business ~ Members agreed that all future meetings should begin at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Crosby suggested that the Transit District be approached about putting nicer looking shelters along River Road. Mr. Brown replied that because River Road is part of the High Priority Transit Corridor, the district wants to "brand" it differently than other bus routes and is considering alternate bus shelters. Stuart Crosby moved to recommend that upgraded bus shelters be placed on River Road. Renee Braun seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Taylor, Voliva, Braun, Hupy, Arnett, Nardi, Baker and Crosby). Discussion followed regarding funding. Additional dialogue took place regarding the High Priority Transit District Corridor and school bus routes.

Adjournment ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 2006

Approved: 1-23-07