KEIZER PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 6:00 pm
Keizer Civic Center

CALL TO ORDER
Planning Commission Chair John Rizzo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER GARRY WHALEN: Garry Whalen was issued the Oath of Office by Debbie Lockhart.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:
John Rizzo, Chair
Hersch Sangster, Vice Chair
Garry Whalen
Michael DeBlasi
Kyle Juran
Chuck Fisher

Absent:
Jonathan Thompson

Council Liaison: Joe Egli

Staff Present:
Sam Litke, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Fisher moved for approval of the September, 2014 Minutes. Commissioner Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Rizzo, Sangster, DeBlasi, Juran and Fisher with Whalen abstaining and Thompson absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

PRESENTATION BY TRANSIT DISTRICT: Jared Choc from the Salem-Keizer Transit District announced that the presentation would explain the district's two-fold plan of "Moving Forward": which consists of comprehensive system changes proposed for the Salem-Keizer area and "Core Network" which will consist of permanent transit.

Moving Forward
History
Phase I - Mr. Choc reviewed routes.
Phase II – with additional funding
- Evening Service

Phase III – with additional funding
- Weekend and holiday service

Core Network

- Guarantee of permanent, frequent service along several key corridors
- Visible and distinct from the rest of the transit network
- Any permanent modification will require extensive public outreach and comment

Moving Forward - Timeline

Mr. Choc then fielded questions regarding peak times, fluctuations throughout the year, service, technology, a second transit center, operations and reviews. Councilor Egli voiced opposition to dropping the Kroc Center route and suggested combining it with the downtown route. He expressed support for the Core permanent routes especially the Commercial/River Road and Lancaster routes and suggested Saturday service and turnouts on River Road for the buses. Chris French from the Transit District provided additional information regarding the north loop.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Sangster reported on the recent Design Charrette he had attended noting that there was a clear consensus to keep the treed area. His table wanted to reduce parking and keep the essence of the park more natural. Commissioner Whalen added that the buffer zone continuing through the treed area along the back of the adjacent neighborhood was also desired. Commissioners DeBlasi and Sangster added that there should be more bike racks, a bathroom, and a place for cyclists to recharge their phones and computers and make bike repairs since the park is adjacent to the Willamette Scenic Bike Route.

Commissioner DeBlasi announced that James South[1], an expert in active living, would be speaking about how our less active lifestyles have affected our health. He could not attend but if there is info on the internet he will forward it.

STAFF REPORT: Senior Planner Sam Litke reported that staff has been working on applications. They are currently working on the fourth subdivision for this calendar year. Next month the Commission will have an update of work projects proposed for the coming year.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Egli reported the Council had adopted the marijuana growers land use ordinance but took out the commercial properties. Commissioner Fisher questioned why Council went against the Commission recommendation and expressed displeasure on how the process came about noting that Commission should not have to come up with motions on spur of the moment. Councilor Egli added that Council passed an ordinance allowing the city to tax recreational marijuana if it is legalized.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2014

Minutes approved: 11/12/14

[1] Spelling corrected at 11/12/14 meeting (Sallis)