



MINUTES
RIVER ROAD RENAISSANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 25, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Keizer City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Jim Taylor. Those in attendance were:

Present:

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| James Taylor | Keizer City Council |
| James Hupy | Chemawa Representative |
| Kevin Baker | Planning Commission Representative |
| Shelly King | Chamber of Commerce |
| Hank Tarter | Claggett Creek Representative |
| Jim Nardi (5:40) | Gateway South Representative |
| Jerry McGee | Keizer Points of Interest Representative |
| Renee Braun | Sunset Triangle Representative |
| Cliff Voliva | Gateway North Representative |
| Stuart Crosby | Keizer Urban Renewal Board Representative |
| Lore Christopher (6:00) | Mayor |

Absent:

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| Tom Fox | Citizen At Large |
| TSC Representative | Traffic Safety Commission Representative |

Staff Present:

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| Nate Brown | Community Development Director |
| Debbie Lockhart | Deputy City Recorder |

Appearance of Interested Citizens ~ None

Approval of Minutes ~ Shelly King moved to approve the June 2007 Minutes. Kevin Baker seconded. Motion passed as follows: Taylor, Hupy, Baker, King, Tarter, McGee and Braun in favor, Voliva and Crosby abstaining, Nardi and Christopher absent at the time of vote and Tom Fox and the Traffic Safety Commission representative absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Lockhaven and River Road Improvements Update ~ Nate Brown reported that upon closer examination it has been determined that the best location for the water feature would be in the triangle providing it does not affect vision clearance. 7-11 has agreed to provide water for the feature and in return will receive a credit on their water bill. Following discussion regarding design, maintenance and integrating a metal sculpture of a salmon in the feature members agreed to support this project and the location providing it does not become a vision, traffic or safety problem. Additional discussion took place regarding the bollards and utility vaults.

45th Parallel Update ~ Jerry McGee, Keizer Points of Interest, reported that he had approached City Council about funding this project and that he thought the Keizer Urban Renewal Board did not feel it fit the criteria for use of Urban Renewal funds. He explained that rather than ignore KURB opinion, Council had agreed to fund the program through the general fund contingency. He is in the process of contacting the contractor and the granite man to commence construction and added that time constraints are now a substantial issue.

Willamette Valley Bank ~ Nate Brown reported that the bank had done their own traffic count study and reduced their SDCs by half through the study. The process for the reader board approval is underway. KURB approved the cost for the sidewalk, but the bank was under the impression that the Urban Renewal district would fund 100% of the landscaping as well. At this time their attorneys are talking to the Keizer City Attorney to resolve this issue. Discussion followed regarding precedents, existing vs. new construction and funding for areas within easements.

Copeland Property ~ Nate Brown reported that there are two owners of this property and in order to accommodate issues with one of them, the parking lot has been reconfigured on the south side of the building to create a parallel loading area. This will go to Council for approval. Mr. Brown added that the manager of the Martial Arts establishment has been approached regarding making improvements in conjunction with the Copeland property improvements and, to address his concern regarding changing the driveways, the owners of the property to the south have agreed to work with him on cross access easements. The manager has agreed to approach the owner of his property regarding the improvements. Mr. Brown cautioned members that there is only 51 feet to work with on this project.

NEW BUSINESS ~ Additional discussion took place regarding the old Arco station and the Lutheran Church. Mr. Brown noted that the Lutheran Church is willing to work with the city but no specific plan has been developed. They are only willing to consider the setback area so that they could sell any developable property. He added that Blooming Cuisine was interested in doing some improvements and that the bench for West Coast Bank has been ordered.

Stuart Crosby noted that he had talked to property owners on the west side of River Road regarding façade and landscape improvements. Mayor Christopher introduced the new Student Councilor, Alex James and explained his schedule adding that he would serve as a liaison with K23 for McNary High School. Rene Braun reported that the Keizer 25th Birthday celebration will take place October 13 and River Road Renaissance will have a booth. Dialogue followed regarding various events planned.

Additional discussion took place regarding art walk, door art, vacancies, working with merchants during renovations and developing criteria or a policy for "planter adoption".

Adjournment ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 ~ Conference Room A

Approved: 1-29-08