



MINUTES
RIVER ROAD RENAISSANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 23, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Brandon Bay. Roll call follows:

Present:

Brandon Bay, Chair
Lore Christopher (5:35)
James Hupy
Jim Nardi
Renee Braun
Chris Arnett
Stuart Crosby
Tom Fox
Hank Tarter (5:10)
Vickie Hilgemann

President, Chamber of Commerce
Mayor
Chemawa Representative
Gateway South Representative
Sunset Triangle Representative
Traffic Safety Commission Representative
Keizer Urban Renewal Board Representative
Citizen At Large
Claggett Creek Representative
Keizer Points of Interest Representative

Absent:

Jack Lowery
Cliff Voliva
James Taylor

Planning Commission Representative
Gateway North Representative
Keizer City Council

Also Present:

Nate Brown
Shane Witham
Debbie Lockhart
Brandon Smith

Community Development Director
Keizer Zoning Technician
Deputy City Recorder
Interested Citizen/KURB

Approval of July 26, 2005 Committee Minutes ~ Chris Arnett moved to approve the July minutes. Jim Nardi seconded. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. (Bay, Hupy, Nardi, Braun, Arnett, Crosby, Hilgemann and Fox)

Old Business – Temporary Signs ~ Nate Brown reported that the banners have been ordered; the proofs will be approved soon and the banners in hand in the next few weeks. Hopefully they will be available for the next meeting. Installation will be addressed when the banners arrive.

Wittenberg Property Subcommittee Report ~ Nate Brown reported that the Wittenbergs have withdrawn the property from the market.

Saint Edward Church ~ Mr. Brown reported that he had been contacted by representatives from St. Edward Catholic Church regarding the long strip of land north of Sandy Drive which they own. The church is interested in working with RRR to do landscaping and street improvements and questioned available grant money. They are amenable to incorporating a plaza in the design and will be obtaining some professional landscape design. Discussion took place regarding using this property for a focal point. Members agreed that a partnership with St. Edward would be favorable. Dialog continued regarding encouraging additional public/private partnerships with landowners who would retain ownership of property, the city contributing toward the development of plazas/focal points on said properties and the owners retaining a vested interest and contributing towards the maintenance of the site.

Focal Point Possibilities ~ A preliminary inventory of possible focal point/plaza sites was distributed with lengthy discussion taking place. The committee was asked to identify potential locations for each district using the handout and personal investigation into other sites. Brandon Bay encouraged members to look at properties with potential partnerships and at city-owned property. Shane Witham reviewed the hand out explaining details of various properties. Vickie Hilgemann pointed out that location #1 in the North Gateway could be designated as the birthplace of McNary. Discussion continued regarding focal points vs. street improvements; focal points vs. parks; pedestrian friendly environments; memorials; and the proposed community center. Members agreed to review the handout during the following week, prioritize choices and submit their priorities to Deputy City Recorder for tabulation.

License Requirements ~ Nate Brown reported that any time landscape design work is done, the city is required to stay within the state licensing requirements for landscape architecture so the city will have to have approval from a licensed Landscape Architect for the focal point concepts and designs. Members discussed possible candidates.

Other Business ~ Lore Christopher praised improvements being done on Chemawa Road adding that tree wells are planned along with patterned concrete. The "Keizer Grove" area will be a demonstration area in hopes of spurring additional business on Chemawa. She encouraged the use of native species and river rock in focal points and street improvements.

Nate Brown then distributed a handout with samples of possible concrete patterns. Discussion followed regarding encouraging property owners on River Road to use the patterned concrete, the possibility of Council adopting design standards for the five areas (regulatory requirements) and memorials with a uniform standard.

Vickie Hilgemann passed around pictures of markers for districts in Reno and the markers that are maps as examples that might be used on River Road.

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 27, 2005