



KEIZER PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, July 11, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall – Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holly Graf called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Holly Graf, Commissioner
Kevin Baker, Commissioner
Greg Rands, Commissioner
Marty Matiskainen, Commissioner
Doug Schneider, Commissioner
Jim Jacks, Commissioner (6:05)
Jacque Moir, Council Liaison

Staff Present:

Shane Witham, Associate Planner
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

Craig Prins, Commissioner

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~** Doug Schneider moved to approve the May 2007 minutes. Kevin Baker seconded. Motion passed as follows: Graf, Baker, Schneider, Rands, Matiskainen in favor with Prins and Jacks absent at the time of the vote.

- 4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~** None

- 5. PUBLIC HEARING TEXT AMENDMENTS ~** None

- 6. RIVER CROSSING STUDY UPDATE ~** Dan Fricke reviewed the River Crossing project history, scheduling, status, concept development process and draft concepts. He fielded questions regarding cost estimates, impact on existing properties, upgrades to existing infrastructure, street closures, Wheatland Ferry location possibilities, Keizer crossings, UGB expansions and floodplain requirements. He pointed out that the purpose of this project is to improve mobility and alleviate congestion. He reviewed the various concepts for new bridge locations and ramp changes and possible improvements to existing bridges as well as reviewing transit and roadway efficiency including new transit routes, dedicated transit lanes, user charges and the possibility of creating more office jobs in west Salem. He concluded focusing on project funding status and development of a funding strategy such as general obligation bonds and tolling and encouraged those interested to visit the website at www.salemrivercrossing.org for more information and to provide input through the website survey.

7. UPDATES

KURB Update ~ Commissioner Schneider reported that the Board met June 27 and discussed options for altering the bollards at the River Road/Lockhaven intersection, the Willamette Valley Bank project, the beautification project for the property north of Dazy Maze and signage commemorating the 45th parallel. Commissioner Jacks suggested that KURB consider implementation of a requirement for the inclusion of irises in landscaping.

River Road Renaissance Update ~ Commissioner Baker reported that RRR had discussed the same projects as those reviewed by Commissioner Schneider. He added that the Committee had suggested the following wording for the 45th parallel monument:

Halfway to the Equator
KEIZER, OREGON
Halfway to the North Pole

8. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** ~ Commissioner Graf reported that she had attended the Council meeting when the Thatcher appeal was addressed. Shane Witham added that no further appeal had been received on this case. Jacque Moir commended Commissioners for coming to the Council meetings and encouraged continuance of the practice.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS** ~ Technical Advisory Committee will meet on July 17 at 3 p.m. Commissioner Graf will serve as the Planning Commission representative with Commissioner Schneider serving as back-up. Additional discussion took place regarding the Chemawa Station water tower, possible related signage issues and inclusion of the tribes.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ Wednesday, August 8, 2007

Minutes approved: 9-12-07