



MINUTES
RIVER ROAD RENAISSANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 28, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer City Hall

This meeting was a "field trip" to Lake Oswego to view improvements made in the downtown area. The van left City Hall parking lot at 5:15 p.m.

Present:

Lore Christopher
Hank Tarter
James Hupy
Jim Nardi
Cliff Voliva
Renee Braun
Jack Lowery
Chris Arnett
Vickie Hilgemann

Mayor
Claggett Creek Representative
Chemawa Representative
Gateway South Representative
Gateway North Representative
Sunset Triangle Representative
Planning Commission Representative
Traffic Safety Commission Representative
Keizer Points of Interest Representative

Absent:

Brandon Bay
James Taylor, Vice Chair
Stuart Crosby
Tom Fox

President, Chamber of Commerce
Keizer City Council
Keizer Urban Renewal Board Representative
Citizen At Large

Also Present:

Nate Brown
Shane Witham
Debbie Lockhart

Community Development Director
Keizer Zoning Technician
Deputy City Recorder

Three handouts were distributed and reviewed:

Master Plan Design Elements – It was noted that Streetscape/Tree Incorporation was added to the design elements.

Projected Urban Renewal Amendment Increase to Maximum Indebtedness – Mayor Christopher reviewed this line by line adding that "WI-MAX" was included in the planned improvements and explaining the details.

Estimated Costs of Prioritized Project List – reviewed by all.

Additional discussion took place:

\$20,000,000 Urban Renewal funds have been invested in the improvements at Lake Oswego over the past 6-7 years.

Some forms of concrete stamping can be high maintenance because of sealing requirements. Blocks may be more expensive initially, but require no subsequent maintenance.

Flags/Banners: Bids are being taken for new one-spot mount brackets. The okay has been received from the City Manager to go forward. To get the best price the brackets will be ordered in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.

Jacque Moir reviewed improvements being made in the Independence downtown area including their new city hall.

Lore Christopher noted that the Chemawa Road project will be a "pilot project" to illustrate what can potentially be done on River Road.

Vickie Hilgemann voiced approval of the design in the Bridgeport shopping center with the wide sidewalks, tree wells and railings on both sides of the sidewalk. This area was viewed after visiting Lake Oswego. Additionally, Ms. Hilgemann, representing KPIC, requested the support of RRR Advisory Committee to place identifying features (as yet undetermined) at the Chemawa/River Road intersection honoring the donors of the land grants which make up most of the city of Keizer. The committee agreed to support this project.

Members disembarked to view the downtown area of Lake Oswego, including wide sidewalks with stamped concrete, various sized pots with greenery, tree wells, fountains, small traffic calming medians, and sidewalk plantings.

Discussion followed on the return trip focusing on possibilities for River Road and around City Hall. It was suggested that large pots with shrubs and flowers be placed at the Heritage Center and at City Hall and that large pots with trees be placed on the lines and next to the sidewalk in the City Hall parking lot.

Members returned to City Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, July 26, 2005