

City of Fairview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee May 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Park View Conference Room, Fairview City Hall 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm

Present:

Steve Kaufman, Chair

Don Taylor Steven Marker Brad Fudge

Absent:

Chuck Cooper

Brad Dehle David Strom Barbara Jones

City Council: Brian Cooper

Lisa Bartin Mullens

Other:

John Gessner

Staff:

Lindsey Nesbitt, Senior Planner

Allen Berry, Public Works Director

1. Call to Order

Chair Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

2. 40 Mile Loop Project Background and Presentation (Guest, John Gessner)

Chair Kaufman raised concerns with the upcoming budget and wanted to discuss with PRAC. Funding for the 40-mile loop was not in the proposed budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Chair Kaufman invited guest John Gessner to discuss the issue. Guest John Gessner, former Community Development Director who applied for the 40-mile loop grant from Metro and ODOT, presented background information on the grant application- 90% of the project money is federal money. Fairview's match of the 2.2 million dollar grant is approximately \$75,000. Five jurisdictions agreed to partner on the grant got together to apply for the grant, Multnomah County, the Drainage District, Port of Portland, Troutdale, and Fairview. Gessner stressed the project is of regional importance because the trail section is part of the regional trail system. Gessner indicated he had conversations with Port and Troutdale and confirmed they would like to see the project move forward and each agency has budgeted for their portion of the required grant match.

Allan Berry, City is not in the position to take the lead on the project because of upcoming staff reductions. The City Council will be looking at the grant money that had been previously set aside in earlier budget cycles to determine if the trail project is the best use of the funds. City Staff has been working with Metro and the Port of Portland to look at other alternatives to fund the project and manage the project.

Council Cooper questions why the trail is going to be so expensive to build. Based on federal standards and costing requirements. In addition to required studies that will need to be done in order to make the project happen such as environmental studies and engineering.

PRAC discussed the feasibility of having a different agency take over as the lead agency for the project. The Port of Portland has expressed some interest in being the lead agency.

Kaufman would like to provide a recommendation to Council to find a way to come up with the final \$25,000 match to build the trail, whether it be SDC funds or contingency funds. Kaufman stated that PRAC has been talking about the project for a significant amount of time. PRAC decided to make a recommendation to Council to fund the project in the upcoming budget, but to also find a different lead agency to complete the project.

3. Impact of Proposed 2012-2013 Budget: Parks and PRAC

Steve Kaufman stated that the language used in the 2012-2013 budget specifically states the PRAC will be eliminated. Allan Berry, explained that is not the intent and the language can be modified. The intent is to have the PRAC meet on a as need basis.

PRAC discussed the issue and agreed to request the language in the budget be modified to state that PRAC will meet on an ad hoc basis as projects and work items arise.

| 4. | Adjournment | |
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| | Meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:17 pm. | / . |
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