

MINUTES
FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION
FAIRVIEW CITY HALL
1300 NE VILLAGE STREET
FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024

March 27, 2002 -- 7:30pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER/
ROLL CALL**

Mayor Vonderharr called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

PRESENT:

City Council

Mayor Roger Vonderharr
Councilor Ken Quinby
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Barbara Jones

Planning Commission

Chairman Sam Asbury
Commissioner Jan Shearer
Commissioner Steve Kaufman
Commissioner Steve Mayes
Commissioner Maureen Zehendner

ABSENT:

Commissioner Gail Swanson
Commissioner Ken Heiner

STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator
Gilbert Jackson, Chief of Police
Bob Cochran, Public Works Director
John Andersen, Community Development
Director
Caren Huson, City Recorder
Doug Aden, Sergeant
Melissa Widman, Assistant Planner

II. COMMUNITY VISIONING

Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator, stressed the importance of the work session as it will result in the visioning and values of the Council, Planning Commission, citizens, etc., which allows staff to move forward in the desired direction.

John Andersen, Community Development Director, reviewed the results of the Values Survey which had been distributed to all Council and Planning Commission members:

Community Appearance. Likes: Town Center, Salish Ponds, Fairview Lakes, well maintained original homes, and natural areas. Dislikes: unsightly businesses east of 223rd Avenue on Sandy Boulevard, cars in front yards, trees being cut near Fairview Lake, and abandoned cars.

What makes you proud/embarrassed. Proud: independent community, the Mayor, leadership in the community, parks/open spaces, minimal crime, Fairview Village, and the overall feel of

community. Embarrassing: difficulty in walking from area to area, cars in front yards, homes not maintained, no funding for original Fairview, abandoned rock wall on Halsey, appearance of Sandy Boulevard east of 223rd Avenue.

Residential Issues: Likes: traffic calming on Fairview Lake Way, old-style streetlights on Halsey, compatibility of uses in a residential area, maintaining the character of each neighborhood, original Fairview homes that are well maintained, diversity of the community, and parks in each neighborhood. Dislikes: cars parked on the streets, old accessory structures, the run down parts of original Fairview, Fairview Village and Lake being closed off and not welcoming to outsiders, poor commercial landscaping, and residential code violations. Issues include housing quality and continuity of uses.

Economy. Likes: diverse population, increase in median income, gradual improvement in retail/shopping, proactive in choosing future commercial/industrial. Dislikes: lack of employment, lack of livable wage jobs, fiscally handicapped, lack of basic professional services (dentists, doctors, attorneys, banks, etc), and businesses that violate City Code.

Commercial. Likes: Fairview Village shops, fitting in with the environment, style and character of buildings. Dislikes: lack of parking and public transit, signs posted at 223rd and Sandy, lack of landscaping at businesses.

Industrial. Likes: bringing jobs like NACCO to the City, the appearance of the Honda building in Gresham. Dislikes: truck traffic, areas that are dirty and need to be maintained, industrial properties coming into contact with Fairview Creek.

Noise/Air/Water/Land. Likes: well water, natural waterways and resources. Dislikes: airplane and train noise, dirty water in creeks, freeway noise.

Open Spaces. Likes: well protected areas, defining character of Fairview is its open spaces, "all of it", newly developed parks are well planned and maintained. Dislikes: areas not accessible enough for biking and walking safely, small pocket parks in Fairview Village should be turned over to homeowner associations.

Protecting Natural Resources. Likes: "all of it", shows responsibility. Dislikes: more enforcement needed in maintaining natural resources, must continue to involve public, lack of education on how natural resources need to be maintained and where they are located, need to pursue grants, lack of communication, and cost effectiveness.

Small Town Atmosphere. Likes: core area is base of our small town atmosphere and it needs to be kept up, the slower pace, and, the more casual feeling. Dislikes: resentment of outsiders, separation of the different areas (we need to view Fairview as a whole).

Growth and Change. Likes: satisfied, maintaining small town feel.

Dislikes: need for mix of industrial, maybe grew a little too fast.

Historic/Archeological Resources: Likes: the Heslin House, the City Hall Mural. Dislikes: most people are unaware of historic resources, no ability to fund, need protection and enhancement, a lost resource of the City, the need for a stronger historical society.

Housing. Likes: distinct areas to choose from, good balance, something for every income. Dislikes: too much multi-family, too many manufactured homes.

Parking. Likes: nothing, all ok, most areas have reasonable parking. Dislikes: some parts of Fairview Village are deficient in parking, should require off-street parking, current parking standards, not requiring enough parking to accommodate shopping and apartment complexes.

City Services. Likes: recycling, staff provides good service. Dislikes: make sure wells are kept safe, make sure we still communicate with citizens, public safety underfunded.

Other. Citizens need to be more supportive of police and parks funding, valuing families and owner occupied places as much as possible.

Director Andersen stated that staff would spend the next couple of months compiling all of the information received from the Commission and Council, and then work it into conceptual statements. Director Andersen distributed a recently completed housing inventory.

Director Andersen asked for the group's Opportunities and Dreams: uniting Fairview neighborhoods, building community, fully funded police force and parks, recreational facilities, events, business leaders forum/association, economic development, parking, widen the railroad bridge, full utilization of Community Center to offer community services, attracting industrial base with livable wage jobs and the City be proactive in obtaining those industrial uses desired, actively recruit new industries, revitalize certain areas of the City, redevelopment along Halsey and Sandy, more community involvement such as Neighborhood Watch, developing neighborhood associations, wildlife refuge at Salish Ponds, community garden/rose garden, annual City festival, farmers market.

Director Andersen asked the group to list the constraints to their Opportunities and Dreams: lack of money, too few staff, lack of community trust in government, lack of educational training for citizens, need to know what the citizens are thinking, running out of land options, community buy-in, no clear leadership vision .

Director Andersen mentioned that everything tonight will function as the basis for the entire visioning process and that staff now has parameters for the plan. Director Andersen added that concepts would be developed from the notes taken tonight, that staff will work

with Reynolds Middle School to receive a young person's vision for Fairview, and that a 2-day community charette would be scheduled.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Quinby moved and Councilor Owen seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

AYES: 12
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mayor Roger Vonderharr

Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder