

**MINUTES
FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FAIRVIEW CITY HALL
1300 NE VILLAGE STREET
FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024**

January 15, 2003 -- 4:30pm

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

Mayor Weatherby called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Weatherby
Councilor Darrell Cornelius
Councilor Sherry Lillard
Councilor Steve Owen
Councilor Len Edwards
Councilor James Raze
Councilor Jim Trees

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Jo Briggs, City Administrator
John Andersen, Community Development
Director
Caren Huson, City Recorder

**II. PLANNING COMMISSION
INTERVIEWS**

Council reviewed the process they would use in determining the candidates for two vacant Planning Commission seats. Council would ask each of the four applicants the same questions, with the understanding that clarification questions may occur by Council.

The standard questions which would be asked of each applicant were:

1. Please summarize for us what skills/experience you would bring to the Planning Commission.
2. What do you think the biggest issue facing Fairview is that the Planning Commission can influence?
3. If you are a Planning Commission member and are facing a very controversial development request, how would you go about making your decision.
4. How do you get the public involved in and informed about the issues in their City?

The applicants responded as follows:

Sam Asbury:

1. Organization, moving things along for efficient meetings, identifying the issue, reviewing materials thoroughly before the meeting, being prepared, not quick to pre-decide an issue, open

- to discussion and testimony, team building, and drawing on the perspectives of other team members.
2. Things that come up as we near build-out will be critical.
 3. Do the research, put the time in to study the materials, identify key issues, know what's important and what isn't, not all issues have the same gravity, mentally prioritize, be open to discussion and ideas presented.
 4. City Newsletters are very good at getting information out; sending out flyers; the meetings are aired on TV and we mention upcoming events, more strategic targeting of persons who might be interested in an issue.

Councilor Owen mentioned that the Planning Commission does an excellent job and that Mr. Asbury did very well at chairing the meetings.

Mayor Weatherby asked Mr. Asbury how he weighed his decisions; did he always believe staff or does he consider public comment. Mr. Asbury responded that he relies heavily on staff judgments as they are experts in the field, but if there was an issue that he did not agree with in a staff report that he would not gloss over it and would ask pointed questions of staff to receive clarification. Mr. Asbury mentioned that the Planning Commission must follow state law and regulations, along with regulations in the City Code.

Councilor Raze stated that there were some issues in which the City has to deal with Metro on and asked how Mr. Asbury would carry through with some of the items that are mandated vs. objections from citizens. Mr. Asbury responded that he himself did not have much interaction with Metro personnel, but if he was presented with an issue that citizens were against, he hopes that it could be worked out and compromises made.

Councilor Cornelius questioned how Mr. Asbury would handle disgruntled citizens. Mr. Asbury responded that the Planning Commission needs to follow the law, but the solution, whenever there is an area for discretion that empowers the Commission to more effectively listen and accept input from citizens, is to mirror their input into the Planning Commission decision.

Carol Glasgow:

1. Leadership skills, business and education skills, training in customer service, marketing, financial analysis for small business owners, community involvement, and volunteer efforts.
2. Need to start positioning Fairview as a location for businesses to provide family wage jobs.
3. Need to comply with planning laws and while they might not make many people happy, you do have to comply with the laws. If you need to change the laws, you do.

4. Better outreach, more staff people to work on community outreach, let them know what is affecting their community, etc., but citizens also need to take initiative to see what their city is doing.

Mayor Weatherby questioned how Ms. Glasgow would decide an issue - based on the staff report or on the opinion of the community. Ms. Glasgow responded that you have to look at the long-term effect as to what will benefit the community and then decide based on those parameters.

Councilor Edwards asked if Ms. Glasgow had any ideas on how she would like Fairview to look or what we need. Ms. Glasgow responded that natural features need to be preserved, we need to preserve some vacant land, keep the jobs and money here, and would like to see some improvement in our parks system.

Councilor Raze questioned how Ms. Glasgow would handle an issue where there was a group of people adverse to a topic, yet the realization was that it might be best for the City. Ms. Glasgow responded that she would make her decision based on what was best for the City as a whole.

Councilor Lillard asked what types of businesses Ms. Glasgow envisioned for Fairview. Ms. Glasgow responded that she would like to see businesses that had livable wage jobs so that a person could work and live in their own community.

Councilor Cornelius questioned Ms. Glasgow's opinion of Metro. Ms. Glasgow responded that we need to work with them.

Patricia Martin:

1. Works in the public sector, volunteers on several boards, reviews technical and analytical information, quickly analyzes information and makes decisions.
2. Planning Commission must help move the City forward and coincide with the City Vision. Fairview needs to be a livable, viable town, and we need to pay attention to the Code, the citizens and elected officials, along with the economic situation.
3. Collect all the facts, review the overall mission, and her own values; tries to think what is best for as many people as possible.
4. The newsletter is very helpful here, local newspapers, citizen events, but you will always have citizens who will not be involved.

Mayor Weatherby questioned how Ms. Martin would make a decision regarding a staff recommendation vs. citizen concerns. Ms. Martin responded that she would use her independent judgment and hold a discussion on the topic; she would look at the mission of the City, yet put forward her own opinion as long as no laws were violated. She always looks back to the mission and basic values.

Councilor Edwards asked Ms. Martin for her vision for the City. Ms. Martin responded that she was very attracted to Fairview Village, but that more commercial taxes were needed for the City.

Councilor Lillard questioned what values Ms. Martin would bring to the Planning Commission. Ms. Martin responded that she did not like soulless suburbs, but that she does like shops, public transportation, pedestrian access, public safety, cleanliness, and respect for private property.

Councilor Cornelius asked Ms. Martin for her opinion of Metro. Ms. Martin responded that Metro was a good concept and that they do have some good points, although it does seem like another layer of government with too much control; she has been a little uneasy with it.

Larry Cooper:

1. Life experiences, member of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, Board of Supervisors, and Multnomah Drainage District, small business owner, Metro Councilor, has dealt with land use issues, involved in construction projects.
2. Industrial land, living wage jobs in Fairview, and revitalization of Old Town.
3. Review material provided and observe,
4. Extremely difficult, the Newsletter, getting the Outlook involved.

Mayor Weatherby asked how Mr. Cooper would make a decision - based on a staff recommendation vs. concerned neighbors against a proposal. Mr. Cooper responded that he would listen to the citizens and try to determine what was best for the City.

Councilor Raze questioned if Mr. Cooper's past association with Metro would be an advantage or disadvantage to Fairview. Mr. Cooper responded that it would be an advantage as he knew quite a few people at Metro.

Councilor Cornelius asked if Mr. Cooper was currently an MPAC member. Mr. Cooper responded yes, and that any issue going before Metro goes before MPAC first. Mr. Cornelius asked how Mr. Cooper would balance loyalty to Fairview vs. loyalty to Metro. Mr. Cooper responded that he does not represent Fairview on MPAC; he has no particular loyalty to Metro as he is not on their payroll, however if he were on the Fairview Planning Commission, he would represent Fairview.

David Snyder:

1. Manager, public relations, people person, communicates clearly, looks at new ways to approach things.
2. Business and residential communities thrown together for

expansion.

3. Would look at all the facts presented, what Commission members thought, offer his opinion, make an informed decision. His decision would be based on all information presented and the facts set before him.
4. Open lines of communication, invite them to meetings, work with the media.

Councilor Raze questioned whether Mr. Snyder would be interested in serving on the City's Parks Committee should he not be chosen for the Planning Commission. Mr. Snyder responded that he was only interested in the Planning Commission at this time.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Owen seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Weatherby adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

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Mayor Mike Weatherby

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Dated:

Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder