

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

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**February 4, 2004 -- 4:00pm**

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

Mayor Weatherby called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Weatherby  
Councilor Darrell Cornelius  
Councilor Sherry Lillard  
Councilor Steve Owen  
Councilor Larry Cooper  
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  
AND BUDGET  
COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS**

Council reviewed the process they would use in determining the candidates for a vacant Planning Commission seat. Council would ask each of the five 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?
5. What is your view of the Alcoa property and current proposals for that site?

The applicants responded as follows:

Patricia Martin:

1. Analytical ability; listening; accept different viewpoints; articulate;

not emotional about decisions; have gained technical ability since serving as an alternate on the Planning Commission.

2. Economic Development. Look at the entire vision; be able to work/live/recreate in the same community; make sure that people are not swayed just because something may look good, it may not fit the vision.
3. Listen to all sides; consider staff recommendations and public testimony; use other Planning Commission members' knowledge and history; determine what is most fair for all; have a feeling of integrity.
4. Many good steps have already been taken; newsletters; public notices; press releases; maybe a mentor program to get citizens interested; Street Faires and Summertime Festival is important; get a more younger and diverse population involved in activities.
5. Need to see more studies on the site; so far, she thought the Councils and Mayors have made good decisions, but thinks there needs to be more studies performed; need to consider all the impacts before making a decision.

Harlen Jones:

1. Extensive experience working with private companies; working with school budget committees.
2. Fairview is typical of any growth community; all departments must work together and keep up with basic demand.
3. Would need to look at all the information.
4. Knocking on doors.
5. Vaguely aware of the proposals and could not make any decision without all the facts and understanding all the pros and cons; dealing with many politics in that area.

Marie Kolpakowski:

1. No planning experience, but involved in Homeowners Association; experience with budgets, building, and designing spaces; involvement in PTA.
2. Growth is the biggest issue; need to look at Fairview as a whole rather than just Fairview Village as it seems the Village problems seem to take priority.
3. Review the pros and cons and how a project would affect the community overall; study the proposal.

4. Public meetings and to encourage people to come out more and be involved.
5. Does not want to see a train yard; the Columbia River is an asset to Fairview and there needs to be a way to combine recreation in the industrial area.

Councilor Owen questioned if Ms. Kolpakowski would be interested in serving on the Citizen/Council Alliance. Ms. Kolpakowski responded that she might be interested, but her next door neighbor was already on that committee and perhaps the Council wouldn't want two people living that close on the same Committee.

David McCausland:

1. Previously on the Planning Commission and learned many skills from that experience.
2. Growth that will occur and the direction the City wants to take.
3. Decisions based on all facts brought before him.
4. When there is an issue in his neighborhood, he will actually visit neighbors and tell them what is going on.
5. Feels the Port's proposal would just be a huge parking lot with a railroad going through it; has not looked at the plan and could not make a decision until he had all the facts.

Councilor Owen asked if Mr. McCausland was involved with any employment activities with anyone on Village Street. Mr. McCausland responded no, that he just has friends that live on Village Street. Councilor Cornelius stated that he believed Mr. McCausland had business dealings with Village Realty. Mr. McCausland responded that he pays monthly rent to Billy Hartner who is a co-owner of Village Realty, but it was for a building he rents from Mr. Hartner in Gresham.

Councilor Lillard questioned why Mr. McCausland resigned previously from the Planning Commission. Mr. McCausland responded that he had gone into a different business which did not allow him the time to serve on the Commission; he believes that if someone commits to serve on the Planning Commission that they

need to be at every meeting. Councilor Lillard asked where Mr. McCausland saw the City going in the next five years. Mr. McCausland responded that he would like to see more jobs in Fairview.

Gary Stonewall:

1. Served 10 years on the Troutdale Planning Commission; has a lot of experience with growth in Troutdale; experience in construction industry.
2. Limited commercial space and developing the City in the proper way; need of tax revenues.
3. Does his homework; need to present yourself in a way that show you know what you are talking about.
4. A lot of people just want to be left alone, and others want to be involved; it's important how you present yourself to the citizens; need to get people to understand that the City is there for them and for them to use.
5. Very pleased at how Council handled the issue; against the rail facility; rail facility would not be beneficial to anyone.

Mayor Weatherby asked how Mr. Stonewall viewed the differences between Troutdale and Fairview in regards to growth. Mr. Stonewall responded that both cities were similar in that they are bedroom communities which are experiencing growth.

Councilor Cornelius questioned if Mr. Stonewall felt he would have any conflict of interest in being in the construction industry and on the Planning Commission. Mr. Stonewall responded no; he would step down from the Planning Commission if his company were involved with any development proposals, but he did not anticipate that happening.

Councilor Lillard asked what Mr. Stonewall would like to see in Fairview within the next five years. Mr. Stonewall responded that he would like to see commercial growth and jobs created in Fairview.

Council agreed to ask the two Budget Committee 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 talk about your background and how it relates to finance.

2. Do you have any knowledge of, or experience with, Oregon Budget Law?
3. Please tell us your philosophy on balancing budgets.

George Lingelbach:

1. Has been in construction business for 40 years and is now retired so has more time to devote to Budget Committee.
2. Some knowledge of Oregon Budget Law; his wife served six years on the State of Oregon Tax Board.
3. Important to listen to the community and also to be able to say no.

Councilor Lillard questioned what City service was most important to Mr. Lingelbach. Mr. Lingelbach responded that public safety was important and that he has lived in Fairview for 40 years and has a pretty good knowledge on how things are done at City Hall; also, the City may have to turn back at times.

Councilor Raze asked if Mr. Lingelbach considered the Budget Committee as a long-term commitment. Mr. Lingelbach responded yes, that it was a good way to get his feet wet in government and he has the time to devote to the committee.

Helen Maguire:

1. 35 years in business-related project management; has established project budgets and made reports on those budgets.
2. Only exposure he has had was previously serving on the Fairview Budget Committee.
3. Critical that the Budget Committee represent the citizens; she would represent her fellow taxpayers in Fairview, and the City must live within its budget.

Councilor Lillard asked what Ms. Maguire's priority was for the City. Ms. Maguire responded that public safety was the foremost priority.

Councilor Owen questioned at what point Ms. Maguire would share her personal philosophies regarding the City Budget with the Budget Committee. Ms. Maguire responded that the earlier she received the Budget document, the sooner she could provide her input to the Committee.

Councilor Raze stated that Ms. Maguire's background was awesome, but that when she first joined the Budget Committee she was very

confrontational with her questions. Ms. Maguire responded that when she first was appointed to the Budget Committee, she was told by the former Finance Director that her duty the first year was to be quiet and listen; however, she did have questions that first year and asked them. Ms. Maguire added that it was never her intent to attack the integrity of people, but that she does like to confront the issues.

At the conclusion of the interviews, Council discussed the candidates. In addition, Council discussed the possibility of Mayor Weatherby attending the National League of Cities Conference.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Raze moved and Councilor Owen seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Weatherby adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

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Mayor Mike Weatherby

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Caren C. Huson Quiniones  
City Recorder