



MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
1300 NE Village Street
Fairview, OR 97024
Tuesday, July 13, 2010

PRESENT: Ed Jones, Chair
Jack McGiffin
Steve Kaufman
Jan Shearer

ABSENT: Keith Kudrna, Vice Chair
Julius Arceo
Gary Stonewall

STAFF: John Gessner, Community Development Director
Erika Rence, Assistant Planner
Chris Crean, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Jones called for any person wishing to speak on a non-agenda item. As there was none; moved to review and adopt minutes.

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES

March 9, 2010 approved as written by consensus.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

13-2010-CPA Road Priorities

Director Gessner commented the hearing was a step in formalizing policies for a recommendation to Council to amend the City's comprehensive plan and transportation system plan.

Director Gessner presented a brief history of the project process to current. The County TCPP (Transportation Capitol Plan and Program) incorporated and considered private sector involvement, CCRD 3-year strategic plan, appearances before Multnomah BOC, transportation resolutions and road needs analysis. Legal structure and authority was through state planning statutes, statewide planning goals, transportation planning rule, comprehensive plan transportation system plan, and commission and council resolutions. Staff was requesting a recommendation to amend the comprehensive and transportation system plans and adopt the road needs analysis. Those policies addressed Fairview's transportation responsibilities, influence of development, community involvement, and decision making process & projects. Amended policies would provide criteria for setting priorities, recognize good and timely information was essential for decision making, acknowledge roads were integral to function and identity of the City, recognize private sector contributions and inability to build roads, and establish a Fairview advocacy agenda. Director Gessner stated there was an error in the draft that would be corrected; Goal 5 should be Goal 12, pages 2 and 4. Staff was requesting a recommendation for approval of the ordinance to Council for adoption.

Director Gessner inquired if the Commission had any questions or comments. Chair Jones requested clarification that the meeting was a legislative public hearing. Staff responded the public hearing was legislative. Commissioner Shearer inquired if the ordinance would still have merit if the Casino project in Wood Village were to proceed. Staff responded the ordinance identified and outlined policies for

decision making, there would be no conflict, and the ordinance could aid in prioritizing road deficiencies and needs. Commissioner McGiffin inquired if the City had an advocate at the county level or support of a county commissioner. Staff responded they had not experienced support from the county level. Commissioner Shearer commented about the safety of 223rd, increased large truck traffic and lack of sidewalks, following recent construction. Staff responded traffic counts had been done prior to construction and a post count could be done to assess the level of increased traffic; however, decisions regarding 223rd were made above the city level.

Chair Jones inquired if anyone present would like to speak regarding the application. Jane McFarland, Transportation Planning Manager, Multnomah County, 1600 SE 109th Ave, Portland, OR 97233 addressed the Commission. Ms. McFarland commented that the technical data provided by Group Mackenzie coincided with the county's data regarding road conditions and most of the priorities outlined by Staff aligned with the county capitol improvement plan. Primary difference between priorities was the second tier projects prioritized by the city. In the county plan Sandy Blvd. was treated as one project, west Fairview boundary to 238th, Wood Village, and was recognized as a top scoring arterial project. County was concerned about splitting the project into 2 segments and into 2 different tiers. Ms. McFarland commented the County had an obligation and project restricted funds for improvements for 201st and Sandy. The County had also listed Glisan Street, unimproved gap between 201st Avenue and Fairview Avenue, as a priority arterial project. County was requesting the Commission reconsider the second tier classification for the Sandy Blvd. and Glisan Street projects primarily due to the policy language that limits funding for those projects until all first tier projects had been satisfied. Ms. McFarland commented that with current economic funding needed to be flexible and opportunistic.

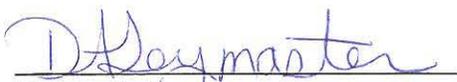
Director Gessner stated the policies would not jeopardize tier one or two projects and tier one would not constrain tier two. The policies provided an organizational tool in which to assess and classify road priorities for Fairview. City Attorney Crean concurred with Staff that what was being recommended were policy decisions and would not restrict funding opportunities.

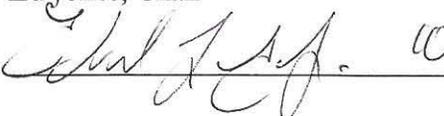
Garth Everhardt, 1532 NE Market Drive, Fairview, OR 97024, representative for the Fairview Business Association addressed the Commission and stated the Association supported the plan and ordinance. Mr. Everhardt inquired which city had the Wood Village Blvd. extension as part of their plan. Staff responded the project was in the Fairview Transportation System Plan. Mr. Everhardt commented an extension of Wood Village Blvd. would alleviate the Arata Rd. and 223rd congestion and could allow for the closing of Arata Rd. Staff responded if the Wood Village casino project were to move forward the Arata Rd. and Wood Village Blvd. extension project would be a priority for the development.

Chair Jones inquired if any one else would like to speak, hearing none, inquired if any Commissioners had questions or comments. Hearing none, Commissioner Shearer moved to forward a recommendation for approval of Ordinance 6-2010 to City Council; Commissioner Kaufman seconded; Chair Jones requested all ayes and all noes. Motion was approved by unanimously.

5. TENTATIVE AGENDA – July 27, 2010
Work Session – Natural Resource Tour

6. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:30pm.


Devree A. Leymaster
Administrative Program Coordinator
Community Development Dept.

Ed Jones, Chair
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Date: 10/26/10