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Meeting Minutes - Draft Land Use & Environment Committee

Thursday, June 5, 2014

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Steve Langer, Committee Member Jeannine Roe and Committee Member Julie Hankins

OTHERS PRESENT

Public Works Director Rich Hoey
Transportation Director Mark Russell
Senior Planner Sophie Stimson
Community Planning and Development Senior Planner Cari Hornbein
Downtown Liaison Brian Wilson
Planning Commissioner Roger Horn,
ECONorthwest Consultants Morgan Shook and Erik Rundell
Thurston Regional Planning Council Senior Planner Holly Gilbert
Intercity Transit (IT) Authority Board of Directors Chair Karen Messmer

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Langer called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A 14-0424 Approval of April 17, 2014 Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

3.B 14-0447 Approval of April 24, 2014 Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.A 14-0527 Martin Way Corridor Study - Project Status and Preliminary Findings

Ms. Stimson gave an overview of findings by the Urban Corridors Task Force on infrastructure and the potential to support economic development in the Martin Way

corridor between Sawyer Street and Lilly Road. She explained the concept of dense mixed use areas with quality transit service and incorporation into the Comprehensive Plans of Olympia, Tumwater, Lacey, and Thurston County. She discussed Department of Urban Housing and Development study funding and reported on the public outreach process and workshops conducted by the Economic Development Council, the Housing Authority of Thurston County, and ECONorthwest.

Mr. Shook described the first phase of the Martin Way Study which included an assessment of existing conditions for land use and development, transportation, and stormwater and utilities.

Mr. Rundell discussed the existing conditions assessment. He outlined a number of infrastructure improvements needed within the study area, primarily transportation projects, with a few utility projects occurring concurrently and possible road extensions to provide water and sewer to interior parcels. He outlined feedback received in the public workshops from stakeholder interviews .

Discussion:

- User benefits or what people are willing to pay for improvements.
- Ensign Road extension.
- Alignment between residential property and commercial property owners.
- Immediate need for greater pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Harnessing the momentum gained from engaging citizens.

Ms. Messmer discussed IT's plans and future strategy for the area.

Mr. Hoey highlighted positive and encouraging survey results.

The discussion was completed.

4.B 14-0548 Status Reports and Updates

Mr. Wilson reported on the status of Downtown Project III and progress made toward the achievement of City Council's goal to create a safe and welcoming downtown for all. He gave an update of the Artesian Commons Project, the Downtown Ambassador Program, and the Alley Way Lighting Project.

Discussion:

- The importance of regularly scheduled downtown stakeholder meetings.
- Scheduling a Project for Public Spaces meeting.
- Outline progress in downtown at City Council meetings.

The report was received.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

