



CITY OF THE DALLES PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting – Bus Tour

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

City Hall Council Chambers

313 Court Street

The Dalles, OR 97058

Conducted in a handicap accessible room

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lavier called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Lavier, Sherry DuFault, John Nelson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Zukin, Dennis Whitehouse, Jeff Stiles, Mark Poppoff

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Planning Director Richard Gassman, City Engineer Dale McCabe, Administrative Secretary Carole Trautman

BUS TOUR:

City Engineer Dale McCabe gave an explanation of how the typical cross sections were formulated for the Planning Commission's consideration. He emphasized that the recommendations for street improvements for residential infill to City Council needed to come from the Planning Commission, not City Staff.

The following are notable comments from the bus tour:

- West 10th Street and Cherry Heights – Director Gassman pointed out that bike lanes were required on both sides of W. 10th Street due to high traffic volumes.
- Chenoweth Loop Road – Street was mostly developed
- Hostettler – Right-of-way varied in width; it is a county road
- Snipes – Partially developed
- Mt. Hood – Mostly developed up to the orchard just past The Dalles Irrigation. No striped bike lanes. The options are to leave the improvement the way it is (shared bike lane) or eliminate on-street parking on one side and have dual bike lanes. Gassman said most people do not want to give up on-street parking options. At the orchard, City Engineer McCabe recommended to install just the sidewalk on the west side.
- Trevitt – Mostly developed from 10th Street to 17th Street. The transition is tricky from Trevitt to Scenic. Scenic to Liberty – recommend re-doing the intersection and add sidewalk. Not a good location for crosswalk at Radio Street. At Liberty, the City may need to improve.

- Scenic headed east – There is no sidewalk on the north side
- Scenic from Viewpoint to Jefferson – City Engineer McCabe recommends sidewalk, the City may have to contribute. Without the City’s contribution, there would be island improvements indefinitely. Trail intersects Scenic east of Viewpoint.
- Scenic from Jefferson to Esther Way – The City will develop improvements for a stabilization project
- East 19th up to housing subdivision – Recommends installing sidewalk on the west side
- Thompson – If development occurs, the City will actively participate in improvements.
- Old Dufur Rd. – City Engineer McCabe reported that some people have claimed no one walks or rides bicycles on Old Dufur Road, but he said there are pedestrians and cyclists that use Old Dufur Road. Several on the bus tour concurred with McCabe. McCabe recommended sidewalk and curb on the south side and give the option to the developing property owners (closer to Morton Street) regarding on-street parking.
- Fremont Street – Director Gassman noted it was one of the most difficult streets on the street grid network to determine appropriate street improvements. It was the general consensus of the tour participants that it might be best not to install any improvements, because it would result in travelers coming to I-197 with no way to cross safely.
- Columbia View Drive to Summit Ridge Drive – fully improved

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Lavier adjourned the meeting at 11:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Secretary Carole Trautman



 Bruce Lavier, Chairman