



Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee

MEETING Minutes for Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Acting Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

Staff called the roll and all members were present including; Mayor Tim Knapp, David Davis, City Councilor Susie Stevens, Amanda Johnson, Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Olive Gallagher. Jimmy Lee arrived at 6:07p.m. A quorum was met.

Mayor Knapp welcomed new committee member Olive Gallagher.

Acting Chair Davis opened discussion to appoint a Chair.

Mayor Knapp made the motion to appoint David Davis as Chair and Amanda Johnson as vice chair. Councilor Stevens seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Staff provided an overview and status update of the previously awarded projects. Staff also discussed the current budget and expectations for FY 2019-2020.

Each project applicant was invited to present their proposal and answer the committees' questions.

Steve Adams, Engineering Manager presented the Beauty and the Bridge Lighting (design) project. He provided updated information about the project, discussed the need for Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) approval (between design and construction) and anticipated costs. The committee discussed lighting alternatives such as up lighting, light poles and other alternatives other than hanging them from the overpass. It was also pointed out that there is not currently an identified source of funding to implement this project. The committee asked Mr. Adams to provide lighting alternatives which highlight the art and are intended to serve pedestrians. The committee also requested examples of similar projects in other jurisdictions.

The Boones Ferry Primary Stormwater & Education project was described by Kerry Rappold, Natural Resources Manager. He noted that the project would serve as a demonstration project; the students will design and plant native vegetation, as well as learn about stormwater. An interpretive panel will be installed and a celebration will take place at the end of the project. The project will focus on students from Kindergarten to fifth grade and noted that this could be a good field trip location for future students.

Susan Schenk from the Wilsonville Historical Society presented their application to Create a Historical Archives Database which would allow the artifacts to be easily searched and

store the historical information on an external hard drive or on the cloud. She noted that they would build on the work they completed as a part of their 2018 Community Enhancement Project. She also presented a few artifacts to the committee. Mayor Knapp noted that the Historical Society had demonstrated their ability to successfully complete projects.

Graham Oaks/ Willamette Pedestrian Safety Project proposal was described by Dominique Huffman, Civil Engineer. She explained that the project had been ongoing and had originally been suggested by community members. A current project schedule and budget were presented. The project will be complete by the end of the fiscal year and this request will reduce the funding gap. There was discussion about the speed limit and how the speed is established by ODOT. There was also discussion about trees which had been removed as a part of this project.

Delora Kerber, Public Works Director provided information about the Street Tree Infill project. She noted that this is a City Council goal. Analysis was done on the types of street tree and staff has explored where trees could be planted. They partnered with Friends of Trees (FOT) as a part of this project. FOT will evaluate the potential tree planting sites and speak with adjacent property owners as well as organize the tree planting events. Ms. Kerber noted that not all property owners will want street trees and this is a pilot project. Mayor Knapp expressed an interest in thinking broadly about the promotional campaign and the types of advertising which will be used. There was also discussion about where the trees will be acquired.

The Wilsonville SMART Flower Baskets was the last project, presented by Michelle Marston, Program Coordinator for SMART. SMART has two significant events this summer (30 Year Celebration and Electric Bus Celebration) and they would like to create an inviting atmosphere for the summer. They would like to bring back flower baskets to the Transit Center for these events however the funds are not available in this year's budget. They will try to fund them in future years as a part of their budget. The pre fertilized plants will be hung in May and watered from May – September. Invoicing would occur after July 1 to fund the project.

Chair Davis opened the floor for project review and discussion. Mayor Knapp expressed an interest in funding all of the projects since they all have merit. The educational component of the projects is also important to the committee. The committee confirmed their desire to receive the following information:

- What lighting alternatives are available for the Beauty and the Bridge Lighting project? An interest was expressed in exploring lighting options which highlight the art and benefit pedestrians. They also want to see examples of similar projects in other cities, specifically those that ODOT has approved.
- The committee wants to understand what is included in the \$250 per tree. (What does it gets them? Is this just a tree?) Also, they would like to know how this program will be marketed to the community.

- How will the Boones Ferry Primary School stormwater project be marketed and how will the information be disseminated broadly?

The committee will meet to continue their discussion, learn more about the projects and make a recommendation to City Council on April 8, 2019.

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:50p.m.