



COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

5:30 p.m. - Meeting – Bolton Conference Room

Present: Vice Chair Gary Walvatne, Gail Holmes, Russ Axelrod and Teri Cummings.

Citizens Present: Lori Carini

Staff Present: John Boyd

The following meeting notes are a general representation of the discussion. For full meeting content, audio is found under the Committee for Citizen Involvement using the specific meeting date www.westlinnoregon.gov/meetings.

1) **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m.

2) **Approval of the September 18, 2018 meeting notes**

Vice-Chair Walvatne introduced the membership and opened the discussion on the meeting notes. There was question on the title of the Vice Chair when there was no Chair of the CCI. Vice Chair Walvatne noted his preference was to wait until more members were appointed before considering an election. The committee discussed corrections or clarifications needed for the draft notes. **Member Axelrod made a motion to approve the amended meeting notes for the September 18, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Member Holmes. The vote to approve the amended meeting notes passed unanimously.**

3) **Public Comments**

Lori Carini thanked the Committee for working for the need of citizens. She related her background in community involvement. The Committee discussed the function of the Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) and suggested she consider submitting her name for any open positions. Member Axelrod spoke to Neighborhood Association meetings along with the many committees in the City that have openings. He suggested that Lori review those options and consider the differing ways to become engaged in city activities.

Vice Chair Walvatne provided review of the activities conducted by the CCI on the “Review of the West Linn Land Use Planning Process” and explained how those changes will assist in the citizen understanding of the process.

4) Update on committee vacancies

Vice Chair Walvatne began the discussion on the issue. Member Axelrod reviewed the multiple openings on the City's boards and commissions. He verified there are no applications submitted for the CCI opening and noted that another opening may arise when Member Holmes moves out of the community. It was also noted that another CCI member has a term expiring at the end of the year. The members spoke to doing more outreach to encourage citizens to consider the openings available in the city. Member Axelrod reported that he met with the City Manager to complete another outreach for the open CCI position(s). Other options considered were use of social media and the web page. Member Holmes volunteered to complete a social media outreach to advertise city committee or board vacancies.

Member Holmes asked if a new Community Engagement Coordinator was hired. Member Axelrod noted there were 160 applications that has been trimmed down to 20 under consideration.

5) Work Task Discussion - Returning citizen vision goals to the Comprehensive Plan

Vice Chair Walvatne introduced the topic and turned the discussion over to Member Axelrod. Member Axelrod reviewed where the CCI left off last meeting; on Goal 8. He noted the committee could quickly review the first seven and suggested a thorough discussion of Goals 8 to 10. He referred to a redlined version showing the existing and revised language. The summary began on the first seven revised goals. The committee reviewed each goal and considered and concurred on a few grammatical changes.

For Goal 5, there was a discussion to revise the language to end with "environmental protection". For Goal 6, there was a discussion to foster local business development. Member Cummings considered an addition that allowed a diverse business environment that provided access to amenities which reduced reliance on the automobile. She noted that often citizens must leave the community to obtain basic services. After a short discussion on proposed revisions, there was no consensus to address the discussed change to for Goal 6.

The members discussed the similarity of Goal 6 and 7 and considered combining them into one goal. Member Axelrod noted the city has four business centers serving the community. The concept was to nurture and revitalize those areas. The waterfront plan is considering changes to create a new focal point for the City. For those reason, he felt the separate goals were appropriate.

The committee discussed the concept of mixed use and considered the different uses allowed in commercial zones. Member Holmes believes the lack of available OBC zoned land is a limitation. The committee considered options available to the Blankenship Road area and thought development would be best served by considering revitalization. A minor change to Goal 6 was considered to remove the term "appropriate" and replace it with the term "existing". The Committee had consensus on that proposed revision.

A discussion on Goal 7 explained the difference between neighborhood and community desires. The concept considered the Waterfront project applicable to the Bolton and Willamette neighborhood areas and contrasting those needs applicable to the greater community. In addition, there was a discussion of the economic needs balanced against the community need. With that explanation and discussion the Committee concurred that no changes should be proposed to Goal 7.

For Goal 8, there was a discussion on protecting the urban/rural interface of the Stafford Triangle. The Committee noted there was an expectation that any development would be down by Borland Road and not north of the river. In addition, the Committee wanted to reinforce METRO policies regarding farm to table programs and for the protection of local agriculture. Those concepts consider the City's support of the Stafford area generally and the Stafford Hamlet Plan as recognized by the County specifically. There was a general discussion of the recognition of the hamlet by the County. A revision was proposed as follows "Support the 2015 Stafford Hamlet Community Vision Plan and land use policies that respect the unique

rural character of Stafford and its connection to surrounding communities.” The committee will consider additional changes to Goal 8 at upcoming meetings.

For Goal 9, there was discussion on the impact of fees. The conversation started on the limits under the law to restrict the amount of system development charges that may be imposed. The committee discussed the intent of the goal was for growth to pay for its impact to the community and recognized there are limits to the cost imposed on those impacts. The cost of growth cannot be all inclusive it must be practical and to the extent permissible by law. The committee concurred with the revisions discussed to Goal 9.

For Goal 10, the discussion was focused on a revision that enhanced the language to consider additions similar to “utilize”, “embrace” or “celebrate” our history. After a short discussion, the consensus was to replace “maintain” with the term “explore” at the beginning of the sentence. The extensive discussion considered the sequence of wording. In the end, the committee considered those terms as a sequential list; to preserve, protect and then explore the historic resource. Other options considered “preserve, protect and embrace”. This term “embrace” was considered the agreed upon option.

An email from Member Smith was reviewed and discussed. Each point was read and then reviewed. A change was considered to Goal 3, after the review was completed an additional revisions was added to “Always strive to ...” as an opening statement to draft goal 3 and to remove “maintain and strengthen”. There was consensus on that amendment.

The Committee consider approval of the proposed goals. A final draft will be submitted to the committee members. Once the clean version is confirmed, Vice Chair Walvatne will sign a submittal letter to forward to Council asking for consideration. There was a discussion for a presentation to the Planning Commission. The Committee asked Vice Chair Walvatne to present the draft to the Planning Commission. If the Planning Commission has questions, they could provide the comments to Council when the item is reviewed. **Member Axelrod moved to approve the revised Citizen Vision Goals as modified in today’s meeting and transmit those recommendations to City Council for consideration. Second by Member Holmes. The vote to approve was unanimous.**

6) Member Comments

Member Holmes reported that the Neighborhood Association President Council has met and is working to elect officers. Member Holmes shared that the amount of turnover on the NAP will make it difficult to find a president with land use experience. She also reported that the NAP has not voted to elect Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary and has not taken action yet to replace the CCI representative. She noted that when the NAP considers a representative for the CCI, Council’s hope was to find someone with an interest or experience in land use. Member Holmes asked what the CCI suggests if the candidates do not have land use experience or interest. The Committee considered the NAP president members, the goal of finding a replacement and suggested finding the best candidate available that shows an interest in land use.

Staff Boyd introduced two brochures, one that was created on the land use process and a second that was refreshed to assure that the links within the document were working.

Member Axelrod noted the City Council has been working on guidance for civil discourse and will send a final version for distribution to the CCI members.

7) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. After discussion, the tentatively scheduled meeting for Tuesday November 20, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. was cancelled and the members noted the December 18, 2018 meeting date should be considered tentative as there may be a quorum issue. Member Holmes thought she may not be living in the community in December.