



WEST LINN WATERFRONT WORKING GROUP MEETING
Meeting Notes of November 2, 2023

<u>Members:</u>	James Manning, Kathie Halicki, Mary Baumgardner, Chris Boston, Julie Hernandez, Andrew Mason, Mark Lindley, Britta Mansfield, Jeff Kohne, Kevin Johnson, Josh Carter, Robert McCarthy, Tom Watton, Jim Edwards, Gregory Smith, and Bob Schultz
<u>Members absent:</u>	Leo Groener and Bayley Boggess
<u>Staff present:</u>	John Floyd, Senior Planner, and Lynn Schroder, Community Development Management Analyst
<u>Consultant present:</u>	Adrian Witte – Project Manager, Toole Design, Anjolie Palta – Urban Designer & Planner, Toole Design, and David Fiske – Associate, Leland Consultants, and Rachel Spencer, Mayer Reed

The meeting video is available on the [here](#).

1. Welcome and Introductions

Senior Planner John Floyd welcomed committee members and members introduced themselves.

2. Role of the Working Group

Floyd outlined the Working Group's role and presented draft meeting guidelines.

The West Linn City Council appointed this limited-duration Working Group to provide input to the Waterfront Master Plan. The group will review, discuss, and propose revisions to the draft documents brought forward by staff and the consultant team and make a final recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Toole Design Group and its partners, Leland Consulting Group and Mayer/Reed, Inc., will provide consulting services to develop the community vision and draft the Waterfront Master Plan.

The Working Group is scheduled to meet monthly on the first Thursday from 1pm to 2:30pm.

3. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Members selected James Manning as the Working Group Chair.

4. Presentation and Discussion of Preliminary Vision Plan and Development Framework

Adrian Witte presented the Preliminary Vision Plan concept and timeline.

This effort aims to complete pre-pandemic visioning work to establish a waterfront master plan for the area adjacent to the Willamette River from I-205 to the Willamette Neighborhood. Previous community engagement on this visioning plan occurred from 2016 to 2019, and 40 years of prior planning and property owner and stakeholder involvement for the area also occurred. The pre-pandemic planning efforts identified reinvestment opportunities, transportation improvements, river access, and historic character as critical features of the Waterfront Master Plan.

The project area is divided into Historic City Hall, Cultural and Industrial Heritage District, and Pond Redevelopment areas.

The goal of the project is to complete a draft vision plan, perform public engagement to verify the plan has broad community and stakeholder support, conduct a final transportation analysis, and develop a framework of changes to the Comprehensive Plan, Transportation System Plan, Zoning Map, and Community Development Code necessary to implement the vision in the Historic City Hall District and Pond Redevelopment District.

The projected schedule charts vision planning from fall through winter, with the preferred plan expected to be developed by spring 2024. Legislative review and adoption are anticipated in fall 2024

The consultant team discussed the current draft Vision Plan outline includes a background with guiding principles, a development framework, and a concept plan.

Working Group members asked clarifying questions about the Working Group membership and project timeline.

Councilor Baumgardner requested that an environmental representative, such as another member from the Willamette Riverkeeper Association, be added to the Working Group.

5. Meeting 2 Agenda/Tasks

Witte reviewed the upcoming Working Group agenda and tasks. He requested members send comments on the Development Framework to John Floyd by 11/09/23. A preliminary draft of the Vision Plan will be sent to members on 12/01/23 to discuss at the 12/07/23 meeting.

Kathi Halicki noted that the Willamette Neighborhood Association needed more time to meet to discuss the Development Framework before next week. She asked that the timeline be stretched to accommodate regularly scheduled neighborhood meetings. Witte responded that the draft Vision Plan would be brought to the public, including neighborhood associations, in the first quarter of 2024.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjourn

Chair Manning adjourned the meeting at 1:53pm.