

Memorandum

Date: August 30, 2024

To: West Linn Waterfront Working Group

From: John Floyd, Senior Planner

Subject: Meeting #4 – Revised Community Vision Plan

The September 9th Working Group meeting will be the fourth meeting of the West Linn Waterfront Working Group, and will focus on two items: (1) Revisions to the Community Engagement Summary based on comments received at the [3rd Working Group meeting on June 26th](#), and (2) presentation of a refined Community Vision Plan based on the results of public engagement and continued analysis of the site. As discussed at prior meetings, the City has a consultant team assisting with the Waterfront Project, with Toole Design as the lead, and they will be in attendance to present the Public Engagement summary, answer questions, and receive feedback.

The revised Community Engagement Summary has been incorporated into Appendix “A” of the Draft Community Vision Plan. The changes made to the document incorporate suggestions by Jeff Kohne and other members of the working group to more clearly communicate the community’s preferences through a normalized scoring methodology. This is in response to concerns that the raw numbers made it difficult to interpret a table where respondents could rank preferences from 1 through 4.

Similarly, the August Draft of the Community Vision Plan has been revised in a number of manners for both usability and to better reflect the community’s preferred vision as expressed in the engagement summary. These changes include the following:

- Relocating the existing conditions analysis to Appendix B, to place content such as planning history, values statement, planning framework, and district plans more forward in the document.
- Refinement of the district framework plans to include more details regarding proposed land uses, potential residential densities, and transportation connections, consistent with community feedback.
- Changed the name of the “Pond Redevelopment District” to the Pond District to better reflect the community desires for the area for more ecological remediation and celebration of the existing environmental assets.

The project consultant will provide a presentation of both items and go into additional detail regarding the proposed changes. In approaching the revised documents, working group

members are encouraged to consider the following aspects of the document and be ready to provide verbal feedback at the meeting, or written comments by September 12th if you cannot make the meeting:

- Clarity and legibility of the document
- Scope, nature, and utility of the content
- Organization and structure of the information

The following items are included in the packet:

1. Working Group Purpose, Goals, and Membership
2. Approved Meeting Guidelines
3. Meeting 3 Summary Notes (Agenda Item 2)
4. Draft Community Vision Plan (August 2024 Revision)
 - a. Appendix A – Community Engagement Summary
 - b. Appendix B – Existing Conditions Summary

The working group meetings are being recorded and posted to the [City's meetings page](#) and the a refreshed [project website](#). Staff will also produce a general summary of each meeting, with the goal to capture major points of discussion and consensus. Please review the attached Meeting 3 Summary Notes and bring recommended additions/deletions to the meeting for discussion and consensus.

Lastly, the following members are joining the working group as replacements for members that have retired or otherwise left the organization they represent

- Former Governor Kate Brown now represents the Willamette Falls Trust in lieu of Andrew Mason
- Raihana Ansary now represents PGE in place of Julie Hernandez
- Bob Sallinger now represents Willamette Riverkeeper in lieu of Travis Williams

If you have questions about Meeting 4 or materials, please feel free to email or call me at ifloyd@westlinnoregon.gov or 503-742-6058. As always, please submit questions before the meeting to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the discussion as it allows staff to prepare materials and distribute them for your consideration. Thank you and hope to see everyone on September 5th at 1:00pm.