
Arch Bridge/Bolton Town Center Advisory Committee

Meeting 2

March 11, 2014

6 p.m., Community Room, Bolton Fire Station

Meeting Notes

The Arch Bridge/Bolton Town Center Advisory Committee held its second meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bolton Fire Station.

Advisory Committee members present:

Councilor Jody Carson
Brian Konen
Tim Woodley
Christine Steel
Donna Bezio
Jeff Abbott
Jim Mattis
Michael Karnosh
Mike Watters
Nancy King
Roger Shepherd
Stacey Spengler
Todd Jones

Consultant Team:

Mark Hinshaw
Matthew Crampton
Anne Fifield
Chris Yake

Staff present:

Sara Javoronok

Summary of the meeting:

The advisory committee reviewed the project goal, objectives, and principles and made several recommendations. The committee reviewed the revised study area and concurred on the boundaries. The consultant team presented a PowerPoint summary of the Existing Conditions report:

Anne Fifield of EcoNorthwest/Blue Mountain presented on the existing demographics and market conditions of the study area and its relationship to nearby areas. Chair Carson recommended reviewing Metro's housing choice study. Generally, the study area has opportunities for new rental housing, mid-density ownership housing, office space for professional, and a hotel. There is limited demand for new retail development.

Chris Yake of Nelson-Nygaard presented on the transportation conditions and opportunities. He noted that the study area accommodates a significant amount of traffic and that it is generally managed in an efficient fashion. ODOT has indicated that there is a potential opportunity to revisit and potentially modify the two existing northbound on-ramps accessing I-205. There are opportunities for sidewalk infill, more pedestrian access paths, enhanced bike lanes, and improved street lighting.

Mark Hinshaw of LMN Architects identified challenges within the study area that include the division created by I-205, the existing zoning classifications, and the varying topography and steep slopes, including the physical disconnection from the nearby Willamette River. He indicated that the 2006 Bolton neighborhood plan, which included significant public involvement, provides a good underpinning for the development of the town center plan.

Matthew Crampton of Walker-Macy discussed the potential for trail development throughout the study area, particularly through the primary study area and along the river. It includes potential connections through the West Linn Paper Company property, over I-205, and across its access areas.

There would not be a formal advisory committee meeting in April, but staff and the consultant team encouraged the committee members to attend the Storefront Studio and evening workshops.

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