

**City of Rainier
Planning Meeting/Work Session
September 26, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present

Jan Moon, Chairman
Marty Sprinzl
Phil Butcher
Crystal Boothe
Carole Connell, AICP
Bobby Jo Brusco-Harding, Secretary

Absent

Robin Langford

Flag Salute

Vice Chairman Election

Sprinzl moved, Butcher 2nd, to nominate Boothe. The motion passed unanimously.

Work Session – Transportation System Plan (TSP) and Modifications to the CBD Boundary.

As stated at the July 25, 2006 Planning Meeting, Connell explained the City Council requested the Planning Commission review some elements of the 1997 TSP as possibly in need of update. The Planning Commission discussed the below issues and recommends the following:

- **Reconsider planned improvements to “C” Street (sidewalks, parking, etc.)**
The consensus was that West “C” Street should be surveyed prior to making a recommendation regarding sidewalks, parking, and right-of-way issues. The Commission felt the most practical improvements would include two travel lanes, a sidewalk on one side (north), parking on the other side and no bike lane. The survey may result in the need to vacate some of the existing 60-foot right-of-way.
- **Reconsider “A” Street alignment.** The Planning Commission recognized that the Teevin 2005 amendment is temporary. They recommended an interim option for an outlet. The Planning Commission felt there needed to be an alternative western access to the highway pending redevelopment of the Teevin site, and a temporary turnaround.. They suggested getting Teevin’s input.
- **Reconsider the riverfront trail alignment and describe trail financing method.** The Planning Commission discussed implementing remonstrance agreements for developers along the trail that would go into effect as the area was developed from the berm back to “A” Street. The Commission thought Teevin said they would maintain the berm portion of the trail. Chad Olsen, City Administrator, stated some of the options for trail finance could be: 1) at the City’s expense; 2) at the developer’s expense; 3) cost sharing; or 4) not have improvements. The Planning Commission recommended options 2 and 3.

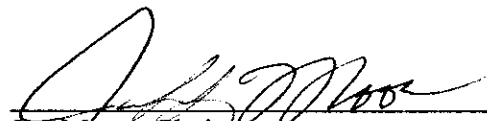
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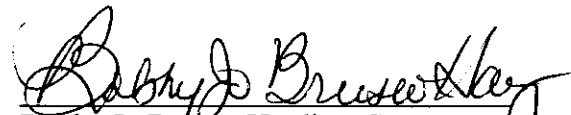
- **Reconsider the downtown "A" Street improvement plan for parallel parking, sidewalk widths, street tree and utility corridor designs and bike rack locations.** Chad said the estimate for downtown improvements is \$1.5m. The Planning Commission recommended the following two statements be added to the TSP: 1) No improvements will be made without a public hearing; and 2) conceptual drawings for "A" Street are suggestive and will be reviewed at future project hearings and design review hearings.
- **Update Finance Plan by removing completed projects and reflecting new dollar amounts.** The Planning Commission recommended updating/correcting the projects and cost estimates where possible and feasible.

Central Business District (CBD) Zone Boundary: The Planning Commission directed Connell to put together an invitational/informational summary packet regarding the pros and cons of the CBD zone and distribute the packet to property owners in the zone prior to the next Planning Commission meeting (October 24, 2006, 6:00 PM).

Minutes of the July 25, 2006 Planning Meeting/Public Hearing: Butcher moved, Sprinzel 2nd, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.


Jan Moon, Chairman


Bobby Jo Brusco-Harding, Secretary