

CENTRAL EASTSIDE



Central Eastside Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC)

October 12th, 2009

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Goodwill

1943 Se 6th Ave

Meeting Summary

URAC members present: Susan Lindsay, Buckman Community Association, Susan Pearce Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood; Michael Whitmore, Kerns Neighborhood Association; David Lorati, Central Eastside Industrial Council ; Dardinelle Troen, At-large; Jeff Reaves, At-large; Peter Stark, Central Eastside Industrial Council, Steve Russell, Alternate, Kerns Neighborhood Association

Guests: Lee Perlman, freelance writer; Chris Armes, Portland Bureau of Transportation;

PDC Staff: Trang Lam, David Sheern, George Cornett, Steven Shain, Nikolai Ursin

Call to order/Introductions/Meeting summary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Lindsay at 4:00 p.m. Introductions followed. The meeting summary of September 14, 2009 was approved.

Chair's statement:

No comment was made from the chair. Moved to next item on agenda.

Washington High School Update

Chairperson Susan Lindsay summarized past public participation process for redeveloping Washington High School (WHS) site into community center. Input has been received from a citizen committee formed in March 2009. Working with SERA Architects throughout the summer, the committee took part in developing and reviewing 3 design options for the redevelopment of the site. One option has since been eliminated, leaving one that involves the renovation of WHS into a community center and one that leaves WHS as is and develops the center on the adjacent land owned by the City. The last open house occurs on 10/15 at 7pm at Central Catholic High School. At the next committee meeting on Monday 11/2 (Time and Location TBD), the final recommendation for the community center will be made.

Budget Sub-Committee Report:

Trang Lam, George Cornett and Jeff Reaves gave a report on the work done by the Budget Sub-Committee. This group met 3 times and gained an understanding of PDC's budgeting system, indirect costs, and development costs. Trang shared details of how indirect cost is calculated and a chart showing the percentage of indirect allocation vs. direct program/project allocations. Using

examples from 2 CES projects, Trang showed the URAC how soft and hard development costs are factored into the budget. George explained the timeline for determining the next FY Budget, highlighting 4 key areas for public participation. Jeff Reaves asked the group whether it was appropriate for the subcommittee to be responsible for providing input for next fiscal year's budget. The group agreed to provide the subcommittee with this responsibility, but wanted to be briefed during the regular URAC meetings.

CES Looking Forward:

Steven Shain gave a presentation concerning the future of CES. Near term ideas include continuing to utilize PDC programs like Storefront Improvement, Redevelopment Loans, Quality Jobs, and Economic Opportunity, and considering the use of PDC's Development Opportunity Services Program to target areas that are on the Streetcar line, Burnside/Couch Couplet. There will also be an exploration of the use of wayfinding signage near new transit stops to brand and create destinations within the district. Long term ideas includes the continuation of capitalizing on infrastructure including streetcar, Burnside/Couch Couplet, and light rail; building partnerships and stronger connectivity with neighboring districts (Lloyd District, Clinton Crossing) and other institutions (OMSI, PCC, OHSU). Currently, Trang Lam is doing an inventory of businesses located in the CES URA to better understand the area's needs.

Announcements:

Chris Ames gave a brief report on the progress of the Burnside/Couch Couplet and also remarked that the project webpage would be updated every two weeks on Wednesday with new information; Susan Pearce briefly updated the group on the status of the Hooper Detox Center and their program movement to the Rose Quarter Housing. They've had one meeting, which explained the Center's programs. The next meeting will concern the facility and may require feedback from the URAC.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by Nikolai Ursin