



Gateway Regional Center Urban Renewal Area Program Advisory Committee (PAC)

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

6:30-8:00 pm

East Portland Community Center
740 SE 106th Ave

Meeting Summary

5-1 Welcome

Members present (in alphabetical order):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teena Ainslie
Hazelwood at Large | E - Susan Brady
Mt. Hood Comm. College | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Brunner
E. Pdx Chamber of Com. | --- Vacant
Business Rep. at-large |
| E - Frieda Christopher
Business Owner at-large | --- Vacant
Property Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Doig
Gateway Resident | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Earnest
Chair and Hazelwood at-large |
| --- Vacant
Parkrose Heights at-large | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Gilbert
Housing Developer | E - Rowanne Haley
IRCO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlene Kimura
Hazelwood Nbh. Assoc. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Koike
Gateway Resident | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Powell
Gateway Elks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Putnam
Vice Chair & Gateway Res. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alesia Reese
Woodland Pk Nbh. Assoc. |
| E - Linda Robinson
Hazelwood at-large | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Russell
Adventist Medical Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Fred Sanchez
Gateway Business | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dorene Warner
Non-Profit Housing |
| --- Vacant
Business Representative | | | |

PDC Staff present: Justin Douglas, Sue Lewis, Juan Carlos Ocaña-Chíu

Bureau Staff: Steve Dotterer-Planning and Stuart Gwin-Transportation,

5.2 Public Comment: None

PAC Comments:

- Jackie Putnam and Bob Earnest often visit area businesses to talk about PDC programs and services and redevelopment opportunities. They recently visited Allen Pliska's business on SE Ankeny Street and plan to visit Oregon Baptist Retirement Home, whose property straddles the URA boundary.
- Tim Brunner met with owner of Outer Rim Bicycles to promote PDC programs and services. The business is a new bicycle store located at NE 106th & Halsey. The shop renovations were privately funded.

5.3 PAC Leadership Process & Elections - Juan Carlos Ocaña-Chíu

Brief Summary:

- PAC leadership serves one-year terms, with elections occurring each year.
- It was proposed to shift from Chair and Vice-Chair to Co-Chairs in order to equally share the leadership responsibility.
- PDC URAC policy does not preclude the PAC from changing the leadership roles to co-chairs and does not limit the PAC's ability to change it back later, if desired.
- Currently, the chair is point person and vice-chair fills in absence of chair. Functions would not change with co-chair, just shared equally

Motions/proposals made and disposition: Reese made a motion, Warner seconded, to modify the Gateway URAC leadership positions to Co-Chair for 2009-2010 term.

Results of vote:

Ayes: Brunner, Earnest, Gilbert, Kimura, Koike, Powell, Putnam, Reese, Russell, and Warner

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- A nomination committee is needed to seek PAC members who are interested in serving in a leadership role. The committee then brings a slate of nominees to the PAC for vote.
- Alesia Reese and Arlene Kimura volunteered to participate on the nomination committee

PDC Announcement – Justin Douglas, PDC

- The Portland Bureau of Transportation was awarded Federal Regional Flexible Funds for Phase 2 of the 102nd Streetscape Improvement Project (from Glisan to Burnside Streets). Phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 received funding approval with Phase 3, from Burnside to Stark, needing future funding approval. Phase 2 funding would likely be distributed in 2012. Phase 1 was approximately \$4.5 million. Savings from Phase 1 will assist design costs for Phase 2. PDC will likely be asked to provide for public match for project; this would come from the Gateway URA budget. Staff will continue to work with PBOT and provide updates at future PAC meetings.
- Gateway URA was awarded a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant for clean-up of the NE 106th & Halsey site. The Portland Fire Department will utilize the JJ North building for training purposes before the building is demolished. At PAC request, staff will announce the demolition date once it is known.

5.4 Gateway Street Plan Update & Public Meeting - Justin Douglas, PDC

Brief Summary:

- The Gateway Master Street Plan was approved in 2004 - one of the few master street plans in the city. The plan is a guiding document that shows where future streets will go. The plan calls for a grid system to promote development.
- The current Gateway Master Street plan is difficult to interpret, has no variety in street function, does not respect property boundaries or the built environment, and provides no flexibility in street widths.
- A Central Gateway Street Plan & Infrastructure Study was initiated to address the issues in the master plan to increase connectivity; promote and support redevelopment opportunities; and improve perception and appearance.
- The revised street plan respects property boundaries and buildings; allows for a variety in street widths and functions; and maintains the vision of a grid pattern but allows flexibility.

- A community open house is scheduled on June 10, 2009, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, at East Portland Community Center. The plan then goes before the Planning Commission on June 23, 2009, at 7:00 pm. City Council will then need to approve at a meeting yet to be determined.

Follow-up: Staff will email link to website where Gateway Street Plan update information is located.

5.5 102nd Ave Banner Update & Locations – Sue Lewis, PDC

Brief Summary:

- The street banners will be installed soon. It was decided to place a banner on all 40 pedestrian light poles, rather than disburse them randomly.
- There are nine graphics representing the area that will repeat a pattern down the street in three colors: green, gold and blue.

5.6 PDC Financial Assistance Program Changes – Justin Douglas

Brief Summary:

- The PDC Board approved a suite of changes to PDC's financial assistance programs in order to speed up the approval process and increase program resources. Products are intended to provide gap funding with a few of the programs available city wide.
- An example of these changes can be found in the Storefront Improvement Program which now only requires 25% matching funds, from 50% previously.
- PDC staff will present the product/program changes at an upcoming Gateway Area Business Association meeting.

Follow-up: Staff will mail brochures to EPNO (and other neighborhood coalitions) and PAC members, Jackie Putnam, Arlene Kimura and Tim Brunner, who request a batch.

5.7 Streetcar System Plan – Arlene Kimura, PAC Member

Brief Summary:

- The proposed Streetcar System Plan was recently discussed at several open houses. The Planning Commission is the body that will approve the final plan. The commission is tentatively scheduled to hear the plan in August 2009.
- The proposed Gateway Loop has been elevated to level 2, with level 1 being the most feasible.

5.8 Gateway Green Update – Ted Gilbert, PAC Member

Brief Summary:

- Linda Robinson and Ted Gilbert have been invited to a meeting at City Hall with Commissioner Fish and others to see if Oregon Solutions would be willing and able to take Gateway Green on as a project.
- Linda Robinson organized a "No Ivy" Day on the site. About 15 volunteers attended to pull ivy in an area that would be part of Gateway Green.

- The East Portland Action Plan allocated \$45,000 toward Gateway Green.
- A *Friends of Gateway Green* is now formalized with Linda Robinson as the first Chair.

5.9 Miscellany - All

- Tim Brunner met with Dr. John Sygielski, president of Mt. Hood Community College. The college expressed an interest in locating a campus in Gateway. There was discussion for an educational center. There used to be a PAC Educational Subcommittee; existing PAC members from this committee could be assembled to discuss an educational center.
- Jackie Putnam would like to have copies of the Gateway Boundary map and a flyer describing TIF (Tax Increment Financing) process.
- David Russell announced the new pavilion at Adventist Medical Center is now open. The official grand opening will be Tuesday, May 19, at 11:00 am. A short 30 minute program will be followed by tour of the facility.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07

Future meeting:

June 17, 2009:	Gateway PAC Leadership
July 15, 2009:	Gateway PAC General
Aug. 19, 2009:	Gateway PAC Leadership
Sept. 16, 2009:	Gateway PAC General
Oct. 21, 2009:	Gateway PAC Leadership
Nov. 18, 2009:	Gateway PAC General:

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