

## **Visioning Advisory Committee Meeting (VAC)**

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Beaverton City Hall – Fanno Creek Room

### **Members Present:**

Cate Arnold; City Council Advisor

Mandeep Bawa

Meng Chen

JahMai Cherry; City VAC Advisor

Konnette Etheredge; Recorder

Cameron Irtifa

Wade Mc Jacobs

Charlie Mouy

Wade McJacobs; Vice President

Brian Powell; Chair

Greg Staneruck

### **6:30 PM | Welcome, Call to Order, and Approval of minutes**

Quorum achieved and Chair Brian Powell called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved with the correction of Member Greg Staneruck's first name. Emily Van Vleet was introduced as this evening's presenter. No members of the public present.

### **6:40 PM | Cate Arnold, Council Liaison - Council Update**

- **Cate Arnold, candidacy announcement-** Cate announced to the group her intention to run for mayor along with Lacey Beatty and Mayor Doyle.
- **City charter revision updates-** Public forums have been held. Public comments heard include those brought by representatives of the Nike Corporation which has property within the city limits but whose headquarters are not within the city limits. The company's position is in support of the "strong mayor" model and concerns related to mayor term limits. A formal statement regarding the charter is being drafted and the content for the voter's pamphlet is being finalized.
- **Purple pipe line-** A system for delivering non-potable water which could be used for irrigation and watering purposes is being reviewed as a method of cutting water processing costs and conservation. Homes and businesses using the system would have the water delivered through purple pipes. The purple pipe water would cost less and usage would need to be monitored, possibly by individual meters separate from existing meters. An upcoming report is in the process.
- **Downtown building code revisions -** The Planning Commission is reviewing the Downtown Beaverton building code with an eye to develop updates which allow innovative improvements to the area. Open houses for public comment will be scheduled.

### **7:00 PM | Emily Van Vleet –Housing Update**

- **Beaverton's Housing Plan** – The 5 year Housing Plan was approved this past December. The previous plan reflective city aspirations for housing but had few measurable and actionable goals. The new revision has focused on revisions that are more specific in this regard.
- **Plan Focus** The focus of the plan will address homelessness, affordability, and housing supply. The plan has also developed it's Racial Equity Lens.
- **Budget planning-** The budget in the previous plan was static and did not reflect the dynamic changes that happen from year to year. Forecasting tools such as market rate considerations were used. Development of an excise tax is being considered to help achieve budget increases occurring with population growth over the next 5 years. Other tools under consideration

include low income credits, centralized housing services and community partnerships i.e. Community Alliance of Tenants.

- **Challenges** – Needs continues to outpace supply and resources, inflation, continuing increase in the populations outstrip budget mobilization.
- **Member Comments and Questions-**
  - **Is there enough buildable land to meet the coming demands?**- The cooper mountain project plans 3700 units. Questions were raised about the supply for mid level income and lower housing.
  - **Homelessness** - Plans for housing resource /referral and partnering, temporary shelters, and transitional housing are in the works. Already in place are winter shelter program, the safe parking project pilot, library based social worker and regional partnerships.
  - **Affordable housing** – City and County agencies through Community Development Bloc Grants (CDBG) are working together to assure affordable housing goals are addressed. In Beaverton this includes 98 new rental units which meet affordable housing standards 5 yr. goals will be supported by the Metro Bond initiative and include 2500 new Market rate housing units, 400 down town units and 3760 units in the Cooper mountain project. There is consideration of expanding the urban growth boundary.
  - **ABNB /ADU units** - There were questions about the impact of alternative spaces such as ABNB units and ADUs. There is some trends related to both of these that reflect changes in the housing demands.
  - **Unincorporated areas-** Question was raised regarding the contribution of unincorporated areas to strategic community developments such as housing, social services, utilities and schools, ECT.
- **Committee Elections-** With a quorum present, Nominations for committee offices were taken and elections held. The results are as follows: Chair- Brian Powell, Vice Chair- Konnette Etheredge, and Recorder – Charlie Mouy. Meng Chen has volunteered to assist with recorder duties if needed.

#### 7:500PM|Round Table / Meeting Adjourn and Next Meeting Information

- **City updates ; Jahmai Cherry**
  - **Corona-virus updates:** The 1<sup>st</sup> case in Oregon has been diagnosed. Washington County and the Oregon Health Authority have declared a pandemic. Recommendations include avoiding contact with the ill, avoid crowds, stay home if ill and practice good hand-washing. For questions check state web sites or call 211.
  - **Volunteer Fair:** A fair is planned for April 4<sup>th</sup> with booths from 30 non-profit organizations looking for volunteers to help them out.
  - **Election season:** When acting as a VAC board member or other formal city capacity please remember to offer only neutral information and language and give no personal opinions related to candidates and ballot measures.
- **Meng Chen ; Taiwanese Spring Festival Events:** Planned Dragon boat events have been cancelled . Ideas for the international celebration planned for September are welcome. Engagement of all of the cultures represented by our diverse populations is encouraged. The Sikh culture and its music were recommended. For suggestions or questions contact the city of Beaverton Pablo or Alexis at the city's Social media department
- **Ballot translations;** Meng is offering to help with ballot measure explanation translation in Taiwanese. Other languages needed were discussed.
- **08:00PM Meeting Adjourn:** The next meeting and its location to be determined