



BEAVERTON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC)

Monday, May 3, 2021
The Beaverton Building
VIRTUAL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

In attendance via Zoom conference call: Jennifer Nye, Chair Rebecca Cambreleng, Vice Chair, Andrew Ehlen, Carolyne Mukula-Achianza, Erik Lehr, Jerome Yoman, Josh Carrillo, Nathan Perley, Oswaldo Bernal, Paula Cottrell, Paige Lerwick, Scott Winter, Staff Liaison Tyler Ryerson, Staff Chase Landrey, Dan Turk, and Kelly Perkins

Excused: Allen Kennedy

Unexcused: None.

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Cambreleng called the meeting to order at 07:03 pm

Visitors and Comments:

Rick Skayhan from BCCI Denny Whitford Raleigh West and BURA Budget Committee

BC2 Site Redevelopment and Exclusive Negotiation Agreement Update

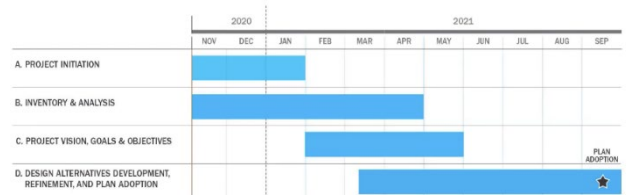
No update, Janiene Lambert out unexpectedly.

Downtown Loop Presentation

Dan Turk gave an update about existing conditions of the study area and possible opportunities and constraints implementing the project. Details at webpage: [Downtown Loop Project](#)

- The goal of the Loop is to establish a strong connection between Old Town and Beaverton Central along SW Hall Blvd and SW Watson Ave
 - We are in the planning stage with Consultant Walker Macy
- Community Engagement Update:
 - Webpage and Notify Me updates
 - Community Advisory Committee
 - In-Depth interviews: Emphasis to Include marginalized communities
 - Community mapping: Smart phone-based surveys
- Project Funding
 - Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization expected in 2021
 - Request to Congresswoman Bonamici for Phase 1 Improvements
 - \$4,000,000 for design and construction
 - \$5,350,000 BURA funds as local contribution
 - Highly competitive process
 - Legislation making its way through Congress

Beaverton Downtown Loop Urban Design & Transportation Plan



- Existing Conditions:
 - Frontage: Active, Supportive, and Non-supportive
 - Stormwater: New Clean Water Services standards to responsibly deal
 - Tree & Sidewalk Conditions: Inhibits pedestrian access in some areas
 - Right-of-Way challenges: Not standardized in the area
 - Sidewalk challenges: Uneven and upheaving sidewalks, gaps
 - Functional through zones should exist from frontage area to curb
 - Up to 8 ft in some areas, less than 5 ft in others
 - Bicycle Zones: Bike lanes exist on both Hall and Watson, but are unproven and incomplete
 - Infrastructure should connect with regional bike network
 - Millikan needs bike lanes
 - Transit: Very good existing mass transit, needs to be promoted
 - Vehicular: Combination of 2 and 3 lanes with different turning lanes
 - Some speed limits lowered to 20 MPH for safety
 - Key intersections present pedestrian barriers



Q&A/Discussion

- Is the goal for this project to be a draw on its own or to improve connectivity?
 - Both- It's both a transportation project and a placemaking project. It's important to create the infrastructure for connectivity and make it a pleasant place for people to be and walk around
- What other cities did you look at as best practice?
 - That's the next step. We've been focusing on what we have here while we consider opportunities and constraints
- Have more signs & maps been put up recently, or have they always been there?
 - They've always been there- it's a case of the more you notice the more you see
- Does the city have shared parking agreements with any banks downtown?
 - Yes and some can be expanded
 - Park Once Philosophy- it's a change of mindset for a lot of people, that the fun happens when you get out of your car. We're trying to achieve that with the Loop and create a more active sidewalk life and rethink how we use the space on the side of the street
- In terms of assets and issues, the connection with Canyon and Farmington is such an issue; anything to make that less daunting would be great.
- The dining area on First Street is such an asset
- A shuttle service could help negate some parking issues
- A pedestrian footbridge could help with so many problems in this area
- A pedestrian footbridge could help with so many problems with key intersections
- Between First and Farmington, there is so much backup that occurs there – a lot of it seems to come from parallel parking
- There isn't enough parking, and Beaverton is already experiencing traffic as an issue.
- The various transportation modes seem to be in competition with each other, including parking.
- Pedestrian/Parking/Traffic
 - There are several issues wrestling with each other. We want it to be more pedestrian-friendly, as a priority for creating a vibrant downtown
 - As we are exploring alternatives we will likely need to do a traffic analysis to fully examine implications on the broader network

- Beaverton is currently working on improving parking in the downtown area through another set of initiatives
- We realize that so many of these issues are intertwined- the parking team will bring an update next month (June)
- Reaching out to people with physical or mental disabilities for feedback could be helpful
- Does any city code dictate how wide a sidewalk should be?
 - The current standard set by the Engineering Design Manual is ten feet, which doesn't allow for the kinds of activities we want. We'd like to go above that
- Is there a code for preserving trees in Old Town that are such an asset?
 - It isn't always the size of the tree but the location or condition that is the issue
- Is removing a lane of traffic an option?
 - We need to preserve at least two lanes of traffic on each one-way street to avoid potentially having significant and broader implications. Decreasing width could be an option, as well as removing turn lanes in some places
- Is reduced speed limit an option?
 - There are already things in the works to lower the speed limit from 30 down to 20 in some places
- Is public parking an option near the PRCA?
 - Yes, it is available
- Does the Loop Community Advisory Committee have representation from all walks of life?
 - Yes, we have diversity there- some people that are Asian and Latino, someone that uses a wheelchair, people that live in different parts of Beaverton
- Why would people consider visiting downtown? Food/culture? Downtown Beaverton doesn't have a lot of diversity. There needs to be an effort to improve diversity
 - The goal of the downtown is for it to be interesting and welcoming to everyone. In process of conducting surveys and interviews with a variety of people to understand what that means for all including people of color and people with disabilities

If you have additional questions, contact Dan or Jean or reach out through Tyler. Additionally, more information is available at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/TheLoop . The mapping activity runs through May 17 and design alternatives will be evaluated using community input in July

Project Updates: (Chase)

- Three new parking projects (Molly will update next month)
 - Downtown parking management and action plan
 - Beaverton central garage parking access and revenue control system
 - Downtown parking compliance and garage operations maintenance
- ST/TI Project: Mocha Tea House, Tan Tan Café, Clover and Booch – redesign, updates, and improvement
- DES Update: Project team has been selected and is working hard to lead community engagement effort

Garage Update: (Tyler)

- Still under construction- projected opening Summer 2021
- A parking survey is in process- hasn't gone live yet- will help to inform the action plan and address different projects (First Street Dining Commons) and understand what the issues/opportunities/challenges are (Molly will update next month)

Approval of January and February Meeting Minutes

Erik made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January and February meetings and Nathan seconded. Meeting minutes were approved, by a show of hands, for both January and February with one abstention from Josh Carrillo.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm

Chat from the virtual meeting

19:04:40 From Kelly Perkins (she, her) to Everyone : Chat is also included in the meeting minutes.

20:20:32 From Chase Landrey (he/him/his) City of Beaverton to Everyone :
www.beavertonoregon.gov/theloop

20:27:30 From Tyler Ryerson (he/him/his) to Everyone : www.beavertonoregon.gov/des