

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main Street
TUESDAY, September 10, 2013
6:30 PM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Lisa Batey, Chair
Scott Barbur
Sine Bone
Shaun Lowcock
Wilda Parks
Gabe Storm

STAFF PRESENT

Stephen C. Butler, Interim Planning Director
Brett Kelper, Associate Planner
Damien Hall, City Attorney

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Clare Fuchs, Vice Chair

1.0 Call to Order – Procedural Matters*

Chair Batey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and read the conduct of meeting format into the record.

Note: The information presented constitutes summarized minutes only. The meeting video is available by clicking the Video link at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/meetings>.

2.0 Planning Commission Minutes – None

3.0 Information Items

Steve Butler, Interim Planning Director, noted that the Commercial Core Enhancement Program (CCEP) project was renamed to Moving Forward Milwaukie: Enhancing Our Commercial Districts. The first project advisory committee meeting was scheduled for September 23rd. The first public meeting was scheduled for October 3rd.

ArtMOB, the City's arts committee, was hosting a public meeting on October 10th about the proposed mural program.

4.0 Audience Participation –This is an opportunity for the public to comment on any item not on the agenda. There was none.

5.0 Public Hearings

- 5.1 Summary: Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update
Applicant: City of Milwaukie
File: CPA-13-03
Staff: Brett Kelper

Chair Batey called the hearing to order and read the conduct of legislative hearing format into the record.

Brett Kolver, Associate Planner, gave the staff report on the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update. The reason for the update was to comply with the state's Regional Transportation Plan. He gave an overview of the TSP: structure, project priorities, costs, and action plans. He reviewed the comments received since the Planning Commission's worksession.

He reviewed the timeline for adoption with a goal for recommendation to City Council by the Commission and adoption by Council by the end of October/early November. The deadline for compliance with Metro was December 31st.

Chair Batey opened the public testimony.

David Aschenbrenner, Chair of the Hector Campbell NDA, requested a bike and pedestrian improvement project for Railroad Ave be included. He also asked for projects near Campbell Elementary School to be left in – although the school was not currently in use, it was used for activities and could be brought back into operation at any time.

Ray Bryan said that the sidewalk on the south side of Washington St (east of 27th Ave) was narrower than what was shown in the TSP. He reviewed some of the projects and issues that he thought were important and advocated for stronger language for funding the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program.

Greg Baartz-Bowman spoke in favor of the various Neighborhood Greenway projects identified in the TSP and encouraged people to join Bike Milwaukie on the group's upcoming ride to tour Portland-area neighborhood greenway routes.

Greg Hemer and **Zac Perry** both asked for some large-scale projects (such as sidewalks along the entire length of Stanley Ave) to be broken down into smaller projects.

Regis Niggemann asked for the TSP to include pedestrian improvements on Linwood Ave.

Gwen Alvarez and **Vincent Alvarez** asked for the TSP to include more traffic calming elements on Lake Rd.

Jean Baker, speaking for Historic Milwaukie NDA, requested that bus shelter elements be added to the TSP, as well as a solution to the truck traffic on Monroe St.

Chris Ortolano noted the importance of providing safer east-west connections across the city from the eastern neighborhoods to downtown and the new light rail stations.

Karin Power spoke to the economic benefits of bike and pedestrian improvement projects.

Chair Batey closed the public testimony.

The Commission summarized their main concerns and the concerns raised by the public testimony as the following:

- Keep projects related to Campbell Elementary School
- Neighborhood Loop bus
- Hwy 224 crossings improvements—Do all the crossings need to be high priority or should they be ranked?

- Break up some of the larger-scale projects into smaller projects, e.g., Monroe St and Stanley Ave neighborhood greenways and Linwood Ave sidewalks
- Downtown parking and its relation to light rail—residential parking permit program
- Flexibility to build less than traditional sidewalks
- Traffic signal at Johnson Creek Blvd and 42nd Ave
- Truck traffic in downtown
- Sidewalks on Logus Rd
- Bike sharing and education
- Maintenance of swales
- Right turn on Oatfield Rd (safety)
- Traffic calming on Lake Rd

Mr. Kelder said that staff would prepare information on the above-listed issues for the September 24th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Parks and seconded by Commissioner Storm to continue the public hearing, without public testimony, for CPA-13-03 to a date certain of September 24th.

6.0 Worksession Items – None

7.0 Planning Department Other Business/Updates – None

8.0 Planning Commission Discussion Items – None

9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings:

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| September 24, 2013 | 1. Public Hearing: CPA-13-03 Transportation System Plan (TSP)
Update <i>continued</i> |
| October 8, 2013 | 1. Public Hearing: AP-13-01 Pendleton Woolen Mill Parking
Appeal
2. Worksession: Murals Code Project |

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Haugen, Administrative Specialist II for
Alicia Martin, Administrative Specialist II



Lisa Batey, Chair