

# RIVERFRONT TASK FORCE

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Chair: Dave Green

Vice Chair: Gary Klein

Members: Mike Stacey, Roger Thompson, Sherri Dow

Staff Liaison: Mitch Nieman

## DRAFT MINUTES

**January 26, 2015 | Meeting Start Time: 6:35 p.m.**

Present: Task Force Members Green, Klein, Stacey; and city staff Steve Butler, Jason Rice and Mitch Nieman

Absent: Task Force Members Thompson and Dow

Minute Approval: After introductions Steve Butler said that November minutes were in process of completion and will be brought before the Task Force in February for adoption.

Phase II Construction Update: Rice gave an update on Riverfront Park Phase II Construction. Rice indicated that onsite work is on track for completion for end of February, but offsite improvements like the two drive approaches and intersection striping will most likely be completed after March due to ODOT delaying the process. Rice indicated that ODOT provided 68 comments to plans which had originally only received 22 comments and that he called for an all hands meeting with ODOT Staff, City engineering consultant, City Staff and respective parties to get consensus on the situation. Rice and Nieman mentioned a “soft-opening” may take place sometime early to mid-March after boaters have gained access.

Capital Campaign Discussion: Chair Green gave an update on Campaign efforts to date. Butler provided options for a new fundraising strategy/action plan (attached). Task Force Members agreed to continue to move the Campaign forward. Mitch offered to develop a Facebook Page for the Task Force to build capacity on fundraising efforts, park awareness, and campaign outreach.

State of Oregon Grant Program: Butler gave an update on a grant program (and respective matching requirements) for park projects offered by the State of Oregon. It was agreed that Phase III doesn't currently have required matching set aside to take advantage of this round of funding. However, it was recommended that Staff stay plugged into subsequent rounds. Staff mentioned Council's interest in applying for funding for Wichita Park in the current round due to Wichita potentially having matching funds in place.

Reports: Mitch informed the group of upcoming City Council goal input session on Feb 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and that he would submit the Committee's priority goal of “Complete Phase III of Riverfront Park” to Council before the meeting date.

Next Meeting: Butler informed the group that February's regularly scheduled meeting needs to be changed to Feb 23 instead of Feb 16 because the 16<sup>th</sup> is President's Day and City Hall will be closed. Therefore, the February 2015 meeting will be held on February 23 at the same time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.