



Riverfront Task Force Meeting

Monday, June 23, 2014

6:30 pm

City Hall Conference Room, 10722 SE Main Street

[Please note the *new date and location* for this month's meeting!]

AGENDA

TOPIC

LEAD

Review and approval of May 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Task Force

Riverfront Park Project – Status Update

Butler/Rice

A. Recap of 6/6/14 Groundbreaking Ceremony

B. Steps Taken to Close the Funding Gap

C. Construction Progress Update

Discussion about Next Steps (*including Capital Campaign*)

Task Force

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Butler

Discussion about Date of Next Task Force Meeting (now set for July 16, 2014)

Task Force

City of Milwaukie
Milwaukie Riverfront Task Force
Monday, May 19, 2014

Minutes

Members Present: Dave Green (Chair), Sherri Dow, Gary Klein, Mike Stacey
Absent: Roger Thompson
Staff: Steve Butler & Jason Rice
Guests: Sal DiGrande, President, and Arthur Wilson, Board Member;
RiversWest Small Craft Center

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously, upon a motion by **Member Stacey** and second by **Member Dow**.

RiversWest Small Craft Center

Sal DiGrande, President of RiversWest Small Craft Center, started his presentation by talking about the history of his organization. It started out at Oaks Bottom Park, but they needed more space so moved to Hayden Island. It turned out that the current is too swift to load and unload in front of their building. His organization's focus is to promote people getting on the water. They are now interested in a new location, because they need even more space (@ 3,500 square feet of interior space) for meetings and classes (boat building and maritime safety), along with an outside area for craft storage and boat maintenance. His organization is looking for land, but would be willing to pay for the building, landscaping, and all utilities.

They had been thinking of Riverfront Park, but heard from Mr. Butler that the park's space had already been programmed a few years ago. They still like the idea of relocating to Milwaukie, and hope to find a permanent home here. His organization would like to encourage more use of the Willamette River by canoes and kayaks. Arthur Wilson indicated that RiversWest would eventually like to emulate Seattle's Center for Wooden Boats.

Mr. DiGrande recounted that the PARB had made two suggestions: (1) use part of the Cash Spot site (they would only need a part of it); and/or (2) pursue a floating boathouse.

Member Green wanted to know if CCSD#1 would be amenable to having RiversWest use the "park" area around the sewage treatment plant. He also wondered whether or not there might be a portion of Kronberg Park that might be usable by this group.

Member Stacy agreed that they would be a good fit in Milwaukie. **Member Green** suggested that Mr. DiGrande talk with Public Works Director Gary Parkin.

Riverfront Park Update

Steve Butler and Jason Rice described the bidding process, which resulted in the bids all coming in over the project estimate. They then discussed various options that had been presented to the City Council for closing the funding gap. Mr. Rice said that he was impressed with the lowest qualified contractor – Colf Construction, Vancouver, WA. At its last meeting, the Council expressed its interest in moving forward with the project. Member Dow made a motion, seconded by Member Stacy, that the “Riverfront Task Force encourages the Council to sign the contract with Colf Construction on May 20, and supports the staff’s efforts to close the financial gap.” The motion passed unanimously.

Capital Campaign

Mr. Butler mentioned that \$5,000/year is included in the draft budget document. He indicated the date of the next Budget Committee, in case any Task Force members wanted to attend it.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

A groundbreaking ceremony has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 6, in conjunction with the First Friday event.

Upcoming Meetings and Event(s)

Mr. Butler said he had attended the annual Willamette River Trail meeting. It was decided that the next Riverfront Task Force meeting would be held on Monday, June 23, 2014, starting at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn passed unanimously.