CITY OF MILWAUKIE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Milwaukie City Hall 10722 SE Main Street TUESDAY, November 22, 2011 6:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Batev. Chair Nick Harris, Vice Chair Mark Gamba Russ Stoll Fuchs

Katie Mangle, Planning Director Susan Shanks, Senior Planner Damien Hall, City Attorney Wendy Hemmen, Light Rail Design Clare Coordinator

Chris Wilson (arrived as Public Hearing 5.1 was called to order)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Scott Churchill

1.0 **Call to Order – Procedural Matters**

Chair Batey called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and read the conduct of meeting format into the record.

2.0 **Planning Commission Minutes**

October 11, 2011

Chair Batey deferred the minutes due to the amount of meeting material the Commission had to read.

Commissioner Fuchs asked that staff email the Commission to let them know which minutes needed to be reviewed for the next meeting.

3.0 Information Items

Chair Batey stated that the new Milwaukie Kitchen & Wine restaurant downtown is awesome and encouraged everyone to try it. She had taken a cooking class there and got many ideas for Thanksgiving dinner.

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**

Summary: Kellogg Bridge for Light Rail continued from 11/17/11 5.1 Applicant/Owner: TriMet

File: WG-11-01, DR-11-01, HCA-11-01, WQR-11-03, CSU-11-09

Staff Person: Susan Shanks

The following exhibits were distributed to the Planning Commission:

Two-sheet handout titled, "Oak Tree Exhibit," a memorandum from Mark W. Hynson, Mason Bruce & Girard, dated November 21, 2011, regarding the assessment of the Oregon White Oak at Kronberg Park.

 Green, two-sheet handout from staff, Recommended Findings in Support of Approval, excerpted from Attachments 1 and 2, to include the Pedestrian Bridge dated November 22, 2011.

Chair Batey called the public hearing to order and read the conduct of quasi-judicial hearing format into the record.

Commissioner Wilson arrived at this time.

Chair Batey asked if any Commissioners had any ex parte contacts to declare that were previously undeclared.

Commissioner Gamba stated he had received one email that he forwarded to staff who had forwarded it to the Commission.

 Katie Mangle, Planning Director, explained that an email from Dan Platter addressed both hearing items. The part that was pertinent to the Trolley Trail hearing was forwarded to that record and the comments relevant to the Kellogg Bridge hearing were being held back and would be included in the record if the public testimony were reopened at the Commission, City Council, or LUBA. The email had been received after the close of public testimony for the Kellogg Bridge.

All Commissioners declared for the record that they had visited the site. No Commissioners, however, declared a conflict of interest, bias, or conclusion from a site visit. No Commissioners abstained and no Commissioner's participation was challenged by any member of the audience.

Commissioner Wilson confirmed that he had reviewed the material from the last hearing to prepare to participate this evening as he had missed part of that meeting.

Chair Batey opened the record so staff could present new information requested by the Commission at the last hearing.

Susan Shanks, Senior Planner, stated that the City had hired Mr. Hynson, who visited the site and prepared a memorandum, which had been distributed to the Commission and officially entered into the record.

Mark Hynson, Senior Biologist, Mason, Bruce & Girard, stated he was originally asked to evaluate the tree's condition and any sort of protection measures that could be employed to preserve the tree during the construction of the bridge. He reviewed photos of the tree via PowerPoint that were included in the memorandum. Key comments and responses to Commissioner questions were as follows:

- A large cavity, approximately 2.5 ft long, existed on the backside of the tree in its main central leader. In many cases, such indications of rot and decay extended well above and below the cavity. The cavity had probably been on the tree for many years, but it was a very significant point of failure or weakness in the tree.
 - Farther down in the tree, fungal fruiting bodies or mushroom-like growths indicated some advanced decay. This was also considered a weak juncture or point of attachment of the tree.
 - The tree had a number of very old damaged limbs with very weak attachments, some of which were very dangerous. There was quite a bit of deadfall, or dead material, in the top of the tree.

- His main concern for the long-term structural integrity of the tree was the cavity, which would essentially split the tree in half.
- Essentially, the tree was a hazard and in such a state of decline that it could fail at any time. It was not a question of if the tree would fail, but when the tree would fail.
- In his professional opinion, the tree warranted removal. If the tree was retained, pedestrians should not be walking under the tree until it received extensive care.
- He did not core the tree, but estimated its age to be at least 60 years old. In comparing trees
 of similar age, a lot depended on the level of care provided. This tree had received no
 professional tree care whatsoever, so it was in a state of decline. A tree in an urban or park
 setting needed a tremendous amount of care. The degree of damage and failure was not
 unusual for a tree of this advanced age.
- Positive arborist reports occurred more often than expected; it depended on the level of care
 a tree received and a tree's location. Arboriculturists always considered the risk target for a
 tree. A tree in a farmer's field was not as concerning as a tree like this where people would
 be in close proximity, which represented a risk for the City. If this tree were in his backyard,
 he would be under contract to have it removed.

Ms. Mangle reminded that if the Commissioners wanted any further information they should request it now before closing the hearing. There were no further questions.

Chair Batey closed the public testimony portion of the hearing and opened Commission deliberation. Discussion on the four key issues noted at the November 17 hearing continued amongst the Commission and staff as follows:

Oak Tree:

- Given the arborist's report, doing a lot of work to save the tree did not seem prudent. In lieu
 of a condition for saving the tree, the replacement ratio could be further discussed and
 revised if necessary.
- The replacement ratio was probably sufficient except in the first set of modified conditions, Attachment 2 dated November 8, 2011. The language in Condition of Approval 10.A.6 stated "a few oak trees." The number and location of the replacement trees should be more specific.
 - Without a master plan and with the planting already done in the park by North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (NCPRD), a little more flexibility was needed in the condition about the placement of the oaks. The mitigation plan should be reviewed to ensure the right combinations of plants were planted. Some large conifers planted in the park would shade out the oaks, so any oaks needed to be planted separate from where the conifers were located.
- Staff proposed amending Condition 10.A.6 to read, "Incorporate a few oaks into the mitigation plan to replace the one in Kronberg Park that will be removed by this project, and as a means to provide views of the water, which is consistent with the Willamette Greenway View Protection Criterion that applies to this area, oaks should be located in areas where they are most likely to thrive, in consultation with the City and in consideration of recent restoration plantings in Kronberg Park. To facilitate their survival, oaks should also be planted with appropriate understory and ground cover plants."
 - Staff could include some general language about not grinding the stump and retaining
 parts of the tree onsite in the interest of habitat. The bigger part of the tree could be used
 as woody debris in the creek. Condition 10.A.6 was specific to mitigation plantings and
 Condition 11 spoke to Community Service Use (CSU) approval criteria that balance the
 impacts and benefits. Staff suggested adding new Condition 11.B to require retaining or
 repurposing the tree onsite.

- Because some other recent plantings were probably conifers and TriMet's application was
 not looking at that area, staff wanted to provide some flexibility in Condition 10.A.6. The
 mitigation plan had the replacement ratio built in, so not identifying a specific number of oak
 trees provided flexibility for having the most oaks in the area, especially if a master plan
 were developed by the time mitigation would occur.
- No language required TriMet to work with the City as a master plan was developed for the
 park between now and 2013. Although language did direct TriMet to consult with the City
 when the plantings were done to see where the master planning process was for the park,
 the City could not hold up TriMet's project while the City master planned the park.

Plantings

- Condition 10.A.7 of the revised conditions (Attachment 2) stated, "Consider reducing the amount of common snowberry" and adding various other plants. The condition should be worded more strongly; otherwise, the City would get all snowberries.
 - The language was from the City's consultant and could be changed. Staff suggested
 amending the language to state, "Add more flowering shrubs that provide wildlife habitat.
 Consider reducing Reduce the amount of common snowberry...and adding add redflowering..."
 - The letter received from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) had a concise paragraph to that very point. Staff included that language directly in Condition 10.A.8, "Add herbaceous plant species to the native grass species mix to provide a food source for native pollinators."

Lighting:

- Given the lower energy alternatives of LEDs, the language regarding all references to lighting should be stronger. The Applicant should be required to present LED options, which had positive aspects for birds, bats, bugs, etc., and resulted in energy savings and reduced maintenance costs.
 - Staff suggested amending Condition 4 to read, "Prior to approval of development permits
 for the pedestrian bridge, the Applicant or other authorized entity shall propose energy
 efficient and wildlife friendly pedestrian scale lighting for the pedestrian bridge,
 preferably LED lighting. The Planning..." A related finding was tweaked in a similar
 manner.
 - LED was also the direction the Design and Landmarks Committee (DLC) was
 recommending for the jump span lighting, so staff was uncertain whether LED should be
 specified, since that lighting would be re-reviewed anyway.
- Condition 4 essentially said the Planning Director would review and approve the particular lighting proposed in consultation with the DLC, but ultimately, the City would still have to approve it per the condition. The condition allowed the DLC to participate in the building permit or Type I development review.
- Some hard and fast language should be included about glare into residential areas, regardless of the light source.
 - Glare was addressed in the Code, depending on the area and type of review. For
 example, in the Willamette Greenway area, because it was a type of conditional use,
 Code language addressed no nuisance impacts, prompting the recommended condition
 about the train light, which had not yet been evaluated. The lighting underneath the jump
 span was discretely located, and there was no additional lighting on the bridge itself.
 Pedestrian lighting on the pedestrian bridge was potentially another source that had not
 been evaluated.
 - Language should be added requiring that pedestrian scale lighting not glare into residential properties and be appropriately shielded.

- Staff suggested adding new Conditions 4A and 4B to separate the issues of the
 pedestrian scale lighting being energy efficient and wildlife friendly, and the shielding
 from residential properties. The condition would fall under the umbrella of the
 Willamette Greenway conditional use criteria.
- Condition 9C on Page 3 of Attachment 2 addressed light from the train. At the last hearing, a
 baseline was requested of the existing conditions regarding light from the train being
 shielded by the trees.
 - Staff suggested changing the language of Condition 9C to, "Provide a memo that
 describes the lighting impacts, if any, from the train light on nearby residential uses and
 drivers on McLoughlin Blvd as the tracks curve on the Kellogg Bridge train travels
 through the Willamette Greenway Zone." The approval criteria related to the whole area
 with respect to nuisance impacts. TriMet was doing the analysis now and agreed to
 extend the area of the analysis.
 - The proposed language read as if only the impacts to residential uses along the McLoughlin Blvd were being analyzed. The point was to reach the residential uses across Kellogg Lake and not be limited to McLoughlin Blvd.
 - As long as the train was within the Willamette Greenway Zone, anything affected by that source point would be analyzed.
 - "Nearby residential uses" should be closer to the Willamette Greenway reference in the sentence. Other proposed wording was also mentioned.
 - Staff clarified the intent was to cover the whole area, and to capture residential
 uses as well as the drivers on McLoughlin Blvd. Staff would look into changing
 the language.
- Staff agreed Condition 6E should be changed to state, "Explore other energy efficient and low-pollutant lighting options with a focus on comparing fluorescent lighting with <u>LED and</u> other feasible lighting opinions." "Feasible" was a fickle word, but this item would return to the DLC for their response and then the Commission would see the language again.

Pedestrian Bridge:

- Commissioner Gamba asserted that not having the pedestrian bridge as part of the original
 project was an oversight. TriMet's efforts to try to make the project better for Milwaukie were
 appreciated and the budget constraints were understood. The Commission's job was to look
 out for the citizens of Milwaukie, see where something might have been missed in the
 project, and to try to change that.
 - The Commission was not allowed to address the Habitat Conservation Area (HCA) and Water Quality Resource (WQR) issues because that regarded the future and was not part of this permitting process. The additional damage done to those two areas by going back in and erecting the construction bridge to build the pedestrian bridge later when the City had the money was not minimizing the impact. Those areas would no longer be degraded after the mitigation, so the City would be going back and tearing up a good HCA area to put in the pedestrian bridge.
 - Building the pedestrian bridge during this construction would cost \$1 million and building
 it in four or five years would likely cost \$4 million or \$5 million. The additional cost made
 it far more unlikely that the City would ever build the bridge. Grants could probably be
 obtained for a \$1 million project but not likely for a \$5 million pedestrian bridge. Not
 building the pedestrian bridge now essentially condemned it to not ever being done.
 - Having the pedestrian bridge could possibly increase ridership on the train. It would certainly increase traffic to downtown Milwaukie because of all the apartments across the lake. Island Station residents would also have easy walking and biking access that they would not have had otherwise.

- One criterion of the Willamette Greenway is air quality. The pedestrian bridge would improve air quality due to the decreased vehicle trips to the train station.
- Two applications were pertinent in addressing the pedestrian bridge issue:
 - The Downtown Design Guidelines required that the pedestrian be a priority in all development projects, as noted in Table 1.a of the green two-page handout, Recommended Findings in Support of Approval, dated November 22, 2011. No pedestrian access existed to or anywhere near the Kellogg Bridge without the pedestrian bridge; it was akin to building a building without a sidewalk in front. It did not meet the Design Guidelines.
 - The Willamette Greenway required "public access to and along the river to the greatest degree possible by appropriate legal means." This project did not increase public access to the Willamette River.
 - The language used in previous versions of the findings referenced the future pedestrian bridge as enabling the project to meet that criterion, but there probably would not be a pedestrian bridge unless it was built now.
 - A finding could not be made on something not planned for, and the "future pedestrian bridge" was referenced in many places. If the Commission could not consider what would happen in the future with regard to protecting the HCA and WQR, how could something that might happen in the future be used as a finding for meeting the City's criteria?
- It did not matter what grant funding was used or how it was paid for, the pedestrian bridge should be built when Kellogg Bridge was constructed. The sidewalks and all the connecting parts did not need to be built at the same time. The only thing that would cause a lot of destruction by being built later was the bridge itself.
- Tim Ramis, City Attorney, stated last week that the Commission could not issue a condition
 on TriMet that was not within their budget, which limited the Commission's authority to the
 point that they could not make a legal land use decision and a finding about whether or not
 the project met the Code.
- The Design Guidelines language in Table 1 states the pedestrian was the priority in all development projects. The Applicant's information stated that the crossing productor created no barrier, which was a very different test. It was one thing to create no barrier, but another thing to re-enhance the pedestrian system.
 - Ms. Shanks explained the Applicant was addressing the first part of that guideline. The
 entire guideline stated, "Barriers to pedestrian movement and visual and/or other
 nuisances should be avoided or eliminated, so that the pedestrian is the priority in all
 development projects."
 - As far as making a legal land use finding, it was correct that this guideline might not be
 fully met, but the approval criteria for the design review portion was "substantial
 consistency with the guidelines", which was why it was a discretionary decision. Taken
 as a whole, the question was whether the project was substantially consistent with all the
 design guidelines, which was what the DLC found and staff believed. It was also a
 discretionary decision for the Commission. The Commission could make a legal finding
 one way or the other because of the approval criteria language.
- Putting an active train through downtown did create barriers to pedestrians. Getting from the high school to McLoughlin Blvd/Hwy 99E would require crossing the tracks and a pedestrian bridge would eliminate that.
 - It could also be said that building a bridge into Milwaukie increased pedestrian access because people were more likely to walk to the train. It was a mode for more active transportation and conducive to more pedestrian activity.

- There was already an issue in Island Station with children crossing the railroad trestle. With
 a light rail station as a destination in addition to the high school, more people could be
 walking the railroad trestle because they do not want to walk around the sewage treatment
 plant, especially with no convenient alternative.
 - A death occurred off the railroad trestle in the summer of 2010, so this was not an insignificant concern.
- It was a shame the pedestrian bridge was not included in the original project, but it was not TriMet's issue. TriMet should not be required to construct Milwaukie's bridge.
- The pedestrian bridge was almost guaranteed to see a lot of use. There was a lot of housing density on the east side of McLoughlin Blvd.
 - With the Trolley Trail construction next to the sewage treatment plant, people were now
 walking out onto McLoughlin Blvd in the bike path because the sidewalk was torn up.
 This was seen on the east side of McLoughlin Blvd as well because no sidewalk existed
 along the east side.
- TriMet designed the bridge across the Willamette River with extensive bike and pedestrian
 access. Each of the two, 14-ft lanes penciled out at \$1 million. It was as if that end of the
 light rail system got the funding and this one did not.
 - The pedestrian bridge was just missed in the planning. People did not realize the extent
 of the population that could access the station directly if some kind of crossing existed. It
 was an important piece of infrastructure that would greatly serve light rail and keep more
 cars out of downtown.

Chair Batey called for a short recess to review the green handout from staff. The Planning Commission reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

Damien Hall, City Attorney, stated the City was limited in the extent of conditions that could be put on the project and was limited by the project budget. If the Commission added a condition that exceeded the project budget, it would call into question how that condition would be treated and how the City would proceed procedurally. Everyone agreed the pedestrian bridge would be a wonderful aspect of the project, but if the objective was to get the pedestrian bridge, it was very unclear that putting a condition of approval requiring the pedestrian bridge would achieve that goal. It would likely shift the issue onto Council at that point, but there was no way to say that condition of approval would result in a pedestrian bridge.

The Commission, staff, and Mr. Hall continued the discussion as follows:

- Mr. Hall confirmed that the Land Use Final Order (LUFO) had the authority to keep the
 Commission from making what they felt was a legal land use decision per Milwaukie's local
 Code. Any conditioned changes exceeding the budget or the chosen alignment would be
 preempted by LUFO and the statute creating that LUFO process.
- If the City could get a grant to build the pedestrian bridge, the City would have to attach public infrastructure to TriMet property. TriMet could keep the City from building the pedestrian bridge because of the hassle, liability, etc. While it might be difficult to attach the pedestrian bridge as a condition of approval, the City might not have the legal ability to build it later
- The final budget had not yet been established. A short list of elements could be included in the project, but the pedestrian bridge was not on that list.
- The Commission's job was not to sort out whether or not the application could be appealed, but to decide what was right for Milwaukie and what met the Code. Creating a condition could result in the pedestrian bridge being put on a short list to at least have a chance to be built.

- The condition did not specify who paid for the pedestrian bridge. It was entirely possible the
 money would be found, and TriMet would not have to find money in their budget. If the
 pedestrian bridge was not built before the work bridge was removed in the summer of 2013,
 it probably would not be built, which was the problem.
- Mr. Hall stated the draft conditions did not discuss the pedestrian bridge at all. Staff agreed
 that a condition could be crafted stating if the funding source materialized before
 construction was complete, then TriMet would construct the pedestrian bridge. Some
 caveats existed in that Milwaukie could not adjust TriMet's funding priority.
- With the clarification that the City was not prescribing TriMet's authority to deal with its own budget, a condition could be added that the bridge be built if outside funding for the bridge became available.
 - If they did use the language about building the bridge if the funding became available, the findings or conditions of approval should specify that if the City was building the pedestrian bridge, TriMet would allow the City to build it onto their bridge. It would be a big hurdle if TriMet were not legally required to accommodate it.
- **Mr. Hall** summarized there were two issues. The initial issue regarded who would build the bridge if funding became available before or during construction. The other issue was that the City be entitled, as part of this approval, to add on to Kellogg Bridge at its own expense.
 - Staff preferred consulting TriMet about the feasibility of TriMet building the bridge during the Kellogg Bridge construction should the City find the funding.
 - Staff proposed extending the 4-year expiration date for this project's land use approval, because the project was so large and complex. The Commission might want to consider extending the approval longer. The extension could be somewhat indefinite as long as certain things had not changed. There was a bit more scrutiny if a WQR area was involved because those areas could change more over time than the actual development in the area.

Chair Batey called for a straw poll on the following options:

- 1. Fully condition the construction of the pedestrian bridge
- 2. Alter the conditions to encourage, but not require, construction of the pedestrian bridge
- 3. Approve the application as submitted, without a pedestrian bridge

Commissioner Fuchs said she was leaning between options 1 and 2.

Commissioner Gamba preferred option 1; stating very clearly that this was what the Commission wanted and expected could cause entities to put some effort into making it happen.

Vice Chair Harris favored options 1 and 2, but leaned toward the middle ground as an avenue of success. He hoped middle ground could be found that would permit the construction of the pedestrian bridge at some future date, hopefully while the temporary bridge was in place, and not result in an outright appeal and the pedestrian bridge being stripped out.

Commissioner Stoll supported the middle ground of option 2.

Commissioner Wilson said he was between options 2 and 3, but would choose the middle ground of option 2 only because a future group would decide where the money came from; his concern was that the money would be taken from improvements to neighborhoods.

Chair Batey firmly believed the Commission needed to condition the pedestrian bridge now. If funding were not found in the next year, the pedestrian bridge would not happen no matter how

they conditioned their ability to build it in the future. She supported the conditions on the green sheet.

Commissioner Gamba noted Milwaukie would never be able to fund this; a grant would be necessary.

Commissioner Fuchs stated from her experience, bike and pedestrian projects attached to multimodal projects, especially light rail, were funded by federal grants, not neighborhood improvements. With the current politics for federal grant programs, money would not be taken away from neighborhood projects.

Commissioner Gamba stated if they created it as a condition, TriMet had two options: they could appeal it and probably win, or they could put some effort into looking for grants the City did not know about, could not apply for, or find. If the condition were wishy-washy, no one would put any more effort into getting the pedestrian bridge built.

• **Ms. Mangle** noted TriMet had made it clear they would appeal option 1. They may also help the City find funding, which was staff's hope.

Commissioner Fuchs noted the issue of putting the Commissioners' names on something they did not agree with simply because of the threat of appeal. If City Council wanted to take away the pedestrian bridge, that was their purview.

Chair Batey agreed.

Ms. Mangle confirmed Vice Chair Harris and Commissioner Fuchs would be interested in staff crafting option 2 and then do another straw poll.

The Commission took a brief recess to allow staff to draft a condition based on the Commission's straw poll. The meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

Ms. Mangle stated staff met with the TriMet project staff during the break. She made it clear that she appreciated their participation in trying to come up with a workable middle ground, and understood it did not preclude any appeal or arguments on LUFO. TriMet was happy to participate but reiterated that option 1 would be appealed to LUFO on the grounds the pedestrian bridge was not included in the base project.

Ms. Shanks stated the finding would be to augment the pedestrian emphasis guideline. The following language would be added to the first paragraph under a. of the Pedestrian Emphasis Guidelines in Finding Table 1 on 5.1 Page 27, Attachment 1, of the original packet, "However, TriMet will allow the construction of the bridge by any entity. Moreover, TriMet will construct the pedestrian bridge if funding becomes available on or before February 1, 2013 for construction by September 30, 2013." September 30 was the date the construction bridge was to be removed. February 1 regarded the time needed to do the final engineering and design work.

- Information about the grant application that had been submitted would be on the City's website. She encouraged people to contact the funder for the grant that was currently submitted for the pedestrian bridge.
- The corresponding condition would be to modify further Condition 16B, shown on Page 1 of the green handout dated November 22, 2011, to state, "Construct the pedestrian bridge beneath the light rail bridge if funding becomes available on or before February 1, 2013 for construction before September 30, 2013. The pedestrian bridge must connect to each bank

- of Kellogg Bridge, but need not include pedestrian walkway connections to the park or nearby streets."
- An ongoing condition of approval would ensure TriMet would allow any entity to construct the pedestrian bridge at any time in the future.

Key discussion points amongst the Commission and staff regarding the newly proposed conditions continued as follows:

- **Mr. Hall** confirmed that based on TriMet's comments thus far, including language about "actively seeking funding" would work, but should be limited to the window between now and February 1, 2013.
 - Ms. Shanks would add, "actively seek funding in partnership with the City of Milwaukie" to new Condition 16B.
 - The proposed language added a new Item D to both Conditions 7 and 9, shown on page 1 of the green handout, would be deleted because the additions would not fit with the proposed approach of the revised Condition 16B.
 - Option 2 was separate from the original green handout. The key in the newly proposed language was the overarching finding stating that the application complied; otherwise, it would go more toward option 1.
- Commissioner Fuchs felt that the project did not meet the Code. It would be appropriate to
 make a finding stating the reason for crafting the condition was that LUFO said their
 decision preempted Milwaukie's Code. This resulted in the Commission making a different
 discretionary finding than would have been made otherwise.
 - Chair Batey agreed that that was the problem. If the project did not meet Milwaukie's Code, which should be first and foremost for the Commission, not LUFO or whether TriMet would appeal.
- The Commission was assuming the City would lose the appeal, but it was possible to win.
 - Mr. Hall stated if the Commission and Council fully conditioned the construction of the
 pedestrian bridge on the light rail bridge and it was appealed up to the LUFO steering
 committee, the criteria they would apply was whether the pedestrian bridge was
 necessary for the light rail project.
 - If that was the criteria, what was the purpose of the hearing?
 - **Ms. Mangle** clarified that something was eligible for appeal if the funding was not available for it, then it met that criteria and could be cut.
 - Mr. Hall added the funding is sort of a subset of 'necessary and reasonable', which
 was defined as being within the budget. Winning the appeal would be an uphill
 battle.
- The pedestrian bridge was not available in the budget because it was not made available.
 Conditioning TriMet to require the pedestrian bridge outright was a condition to call their bluff about the appeal. The hybrid condition was the best case scenario for getting the pedestrian bridge built.
- Mr. Hall confirmed it was perfectly fine for the Commission to have something in the findings
 that said they were making this finding only because they were constrained by LUFO and
 they would determine otherwise if assessing only under Milwaukie's Code.

The Commission took another straw poll regarding the newly revised conditions and findings:

Commissioner Gamba indicated he had no change in thought since the last straw poll.

Vice Chair Harris stated that given the conditions the Commission was to work under, the hybrid solution had the best potential, realizing not only a pedestrian bridge, but the opportunity

to build a pedestrian bridge in the future. This was a better option than having the potential of something being sent to appeal and not having anything. He would like to attach the findings from the green handout, but did not believe that would have a lasting benefit, whereas the hybrid condition could provide a lasting benefit.

Commissioner Stoll agreed.

Commissioner Wilson now preferred option 3, approving the project as submitted.

Commissioner Fuchs supported the hybrid condition in the spirit of trying to be a good partner and neighbor. The outright condition was appropriate because Milwaukie should not be treated differently than any other jurisdiction or community. She got the sense Milwaukie was being treated like a second-class citizen in prioritization. At the same time, she did not want to vote for a condition out of spite. Even though more could have been done to be a good partner for Milwaukie, she chose to take the high road and not fight back or have a mud-slinging match.

Chair Batey stated that having been the Island Station Neighborhood District Association (NDA) Chair back in 2007/2008, perhaps TriMet could have done more to recognize the need for this bridge upfront. The bridge was raised by the Island Station neighborhood at that point in time. She did not feel TriMet had treated Milwaukie as second-class citizens. The City did not get organized early enough to make this happen. She would not put it all on TriMet to say they treated Milwaukie different from Portland. She was still inclined to choose option 1, but was willing to go along with the hybrid approach if that was the consensus.

Ms. Mangle clarified the pedestrian bridge was not involved when TriMet presented drawings to the City prior to getting the LUFO. Not every little element as designed today was included in the LUFO, namely the alignment and the station. It did include the minimum operable segment, which included a park and ride in downtown. The LUFO was broadly the elements required to build the alignment and the project's major elements in the Milwaukie segment.

• She was very involved in the discussions with TriMet prior to the LUFO decision and recalled talking about the pedestrian bridge with the Island Station NDA. She could not recall the timing of the conversations, but believed the LUFO was adopted in 2008, which included a broad map of the broad elements. Many detailed elements of the project were being reviewed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) at that point, and the pedestrian bridge was not one of them.

Ms. Shanks recalled the focus was not about the pedestrian bridge but about having two stations downtown and placing those stations. As the project was refined, different elements were given more scrutiny, and she believed the pedestrian bridge did come later.

Ms. Mangle added that staff pushed TriMet at every point on this project and on the pedestrian bridge. Staff began by ensuring the project would accommodate the bridge, including the design and permitting. Staff had about many wins already.

Chair Batey acknowledged staff had worked hard the last few years to get the conditions the City currently had, but she remembered having conversations with Kenny Asher, Community Development and Public Works Director, early on when Lake Rd was settled on as the station, about how important this bridge was and it was clearly not on his radar screen.

Vice Chair Harris added he would not put the responsibility all on City staff. Different leaders in the City at that time might have missed the mark on this one.

Vice Chair Harris moved to proceed with the hybrid proposed amended conditions of approval and recommended findings as read into the record with the statement that LUFO preempted the Planning Commission from making the finding that would have otherwise been decided. Commissioner Fuchs seconded the motion.

Staff read the following amendments to Finding 1.a and Conditions of Approval 16 and 18 into the record as follows:

- Modify Finding 1.a on 5.1 Page 27 by adding the following language to the end of the first paragraph, "However, TriMet will allow the construction of the bridge by any entity. Moreover, TriMet will construct the pedestrian bridge if funding becomes available on or before February 1, 2013 for construction by September 30, 2013."
 - Add as a concluding statement, "As conditioned, the pedestrian experience is improved to the greatest extent possible within the constraints of the Land Use Final Order."
 - Delete the last line, "The proposal meets this guideline."
- Modify Condition 16 to include Condition 16B, which stated, "Construct the pedestrian bridge beneath the light rail bridge if funding becomes available on or before February 1, 2013 for construction before September 30, 2013. The pedestrian bridge must connect to each bank of Kellogg Lake but need not include pedestrian walkway connections to the park or nearby streets. TriMet must actively seek funding for construction of the pedestrian bridge in partnership with the City of Milwaukie."
- Modify Condition 18 to add Condition 18B as an ongoing requirement "Allow the construction of the pedestrian bridge by any entity."

Mr. Hall suggested restating the motion.

Vice Chair Harris restated his motion moving to adopt the recommended findings and conditions of approval as modified and read into the record. Commissioner Fuchs seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 1 with Commissioner Wilson opposed.

The Commission took a brief recess for staff to display a copy of the proposed revisions to the conditions of approval via PowerPoint. The meeting reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

Ms. Shanks reviewed the revisions to the conditions of approval as discussed by the Commission with these comments:

- Amend Condition 4 so that future lighting for the future pedestrian bridge should be energy
 efficient and wildlife friendly, preferably LED, and the light should be shielded from the
 windows on residential properties.
- Amend Condition 6E to reflect the preference that the jump span lighting be LED, which would return to the DLC and Commission for review.
- Modify Condition 9C regarding lighting on the train to state, "Provide a memo that describes the light impacts, if any, from the train light on drivers on McLoughlin Blvd <u>and nearby</u> residential uses as the train travels through the Willamette Greenway zone on the Kellogg Bridge."
- With regard to the mitigation plan:
 - Amend Condition 10.A.6 so oak trees were planted instead of some of the proposed Douglas fir trees. Flexibility was built in to allow the City to consult because Kronberg Park did not have a master plan. The City would also consult about recent plantings

- when placing and planting the new oaks, so they would thrive, and ensure the appropriate understory and groundcover were provided around the new oaks.
- Amend Condition 10.A.7 to be more directive and have the City's consultant's comments about the specific proportions of different understory bushes be as stated.
- Add Condition 11B to repurpose the remnants of the oak tree, either in Kronberg Park and/or in the pedestrian pathways through the area, and require that the stump not be ground to allow for the possibility of a tree to grow from that particular location.
- Amend Condition 16B, shown on the green handout, to state, "Construct the pedestrian bridge beneath the light rail <u>bridge if funding becomes available on or before February 1, 2013 for construction before September 30, 2013</u>. The pedestrian bridge must connect to each bank of Kellogg Lake but need not include pedestrian walkway connections to the park or nearby streets. <u>TriMet shall actively seek funding for construction of the pedestrian bridge</u> in partnership with the City of Milwaukie."
- **Add Condition 18C as an ongoing requirement, stating, "Allow the construction of the pedestrian bridge by any entity."

Discussion regarding the revised conditions was as follows:

- Concern was expressed about the wording of Condition 16B stating that pedestrian walkway connections did not need to be included. If funding was available, the walkways should not be excluded.
 - Ms. Shanks explained the walkways were not included as part of this review, so the
 review for their impact to the HCA and WQR area was not a part of the package, so the
 Commission could not move it forward as a condition.
 - TriMet proposed that the City build the walkways to further the Kellogg Bridge design. If
 the bridge were not designed to hold the pedestrian bridge, walkways would be a moot
 point. The grant fund did include the whole package. The findings reflected that the
 pathways would need to return for additional review because a portion of them were
 elevated and went through the HCAs and WQR areas.
- Ms. Shanks agreed Condition 11B should specify that the 36-in oak tree would be repurposed. Additionally, the tree might be repurposed to build part of the pathway.

Ms. Shanks read the amended language for Finding 1.a on 5.1 Page 27 regarding the pedestrian bridge as approved in the prior motion. She also read the findings supporting staff's revised conditions and noted the amended findings that addressed the Commission's changes to the Conditions of Approval.

Vice Chair Harris moved to approve File WG-11-01, DR-11-01, HCA-11-01, WQR-11-03, CSU-11-09 with the modified Recommended Findings and Conditions of Approval. Commissioner Gamba seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Batey read the rules of appeal into the record.

5.2 Summary: Trolley Trail Modification for Light Rail

Applicant/Owner: TriMet File: MOD-11-01, WQR-11-04 Staff Person: Susan Shanks

^{**}Conditions 16B and 18C were already approved in the prior motion.

Chair Batey called the public hearing to order and read the conduct of quasi-judicial hearing format into the record. She noted the Commission had opened the hearing on November 8 and continued it to November 22 to allow more time for public testimony and deliberations.

Chair Batey asked if any Commissioners had any ex parte contacts to declare beyond those previously reported.

Chair Batey declared that since the initial hearing, this was discussed briefly at the Island Station NDA meeting. The NDA Chair had expressed some concerns and Chair Batey encouraged her to put those in the record by letter or by testimony, and she was present in the audience.

All Commissioners declared for the record that they had visited the site. No Commissioners, however, declared a conflict of interest, bias or conclusion from a site visit. No Commissioners abstained.

Vice Chair Harris stated he had reviewed the material from the November 8 hearing in order to be prepared to participate.

No Commissioner's participation was challenged by any member of the audience.

Ms. Shanks stated the City had received one written comment, which had been forwarded to the Commission via email. Hard copies were distributed.

Chair Batey called for public testimony in support of the project.

Cindy Tyler, 1959 SW Morrison St, Portland, believed the present undergrowth along the proposed new area for the trail was a virtual who's who of noxious weeds and invasive species. All the noxious weeds and undesirable growth would be removed when TriMet reworked this section for the new trail alignment. The required retaining walls would make it very clear where the trail ended and private property began. The trail as presently proposed would be a tremendous benefit to the community and should be approved accordingly.

Chair Batey called for public testimony in opposition to the project.

Dion Shepard, 2136 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie, supported having another look to save the sequoias. One was being saved, and she questioned why several in a different location could not be saved. Sequoias were significant trees. So many trees were being removed, so the City, TriMet, or North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) should see if the path could be moved so those trees could be preserved.

Commissioner Gamba stated that Daniel Platter had suggested saving only one of the trees because they had been planted or grew too close to one another to be healthy. He asked Ms. Shepard's opinion.

• **Ms. Shepard** responded she did not know if they had a professional look at them, but she would like to see one saved.

JoAnne Bird, 12312 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, stated when she was sent the sheaf of material, she focused on the Water Quality Resource (WQR) area, because they lived upstream of that on the unnamed drainage. She was dismayed at the number of trees being removed, including

18 trees that were 10 in in diameter. The 48 trees being planted were not very big. The trees would not grow to the size of the existing ones in her lifetime. She had not thought about removing 2 of the 3 sequoias until reading Mr. Platter's letter. She would like an arborist to look at the sequoias. The project was already all over the WQR area; an extension of one of the retaining walls goes into it as well as another wall under the path to keep it level. She asked why they could not push a little farther into the WQR area to save the sequoia.

Chair Batey asked if she preferred saving all 3 trees or just 1 tree.

• **Ms. Bird** responded that at this point in time, especially since they lost the oak, saving any big trees was very important.

Commissioner Stoll confirmed that the 3 sequoias were just south of the drainage and currently indicated in the center of the trail on the diagram.

Chair Batey stated there was no further public testimony.

Ms. Shanks noted the Applicant had submitted the application, but then revised their landscape, lighting, and WQR mitigation plans, the latter being at staff's direction. On November 8, two green sheets had been distributed with the revised conditions of approval and findings that were a starting point for this discussion.

- She noted that the review extent for the Trolley Trail application included everything on either side of the trail, but not between the light rail and McLoughlin Blvd. A fence would divide the rail from the Trolley Trail property.
- Exhibit P33 of the packet showed the mitigation plan and tree removal for the WQR.

Jeb Doran, TriMet, reviewed the alternative alignment, noting key changes in response to safety concerns expressed by NCPRD and TriMet's Safety and Security Committee. His additional comments and responses to comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- The line of trees that were within 3 ft of McLoughlin Blvd would be removed.
 - Within the city limits, 181 trees would be removed, 44 of which required mitigation. The project was currently proposed that 382 trees be planted in the area. This did not include the trees being planted in the WQR areas.
- Early on, TriMet had considered removing two sequoias and keeping the southernmost tree.
 Based on the Code for minimum impact to the WQR, TriMet determined that the current proposed design minimized the impact to the greatest extent.
- Sequoias were great trees and had habitat quality, but were not native to the area. By removing the 3 sequoia trees, 6, large, mature trees were being saved that were already part of the WQR. This was most consistent with the Code criteria to minimize impacts to the WQR.
- Many noxious weeds were in the area. The weeds could be still be removed if the 3 trees
 remained, but would require more hand grubbing and working with smaller tools inside of
 the root zone to protect the trees. Removing the trees would enable TriMet to get the top
 layer of soil, and remove the weeds along with their root systems when they did the clearing
 and grubbing to have more of a fresh start.
- Keeping the current alignment and bending the trail back around one Sequoia resulted in the same issue of saving 3 nonnative trees to remove 6 native trees.
 - While sequoias were unique specimens to the area, the 3 subject trees would not reach their full potential, given the condition of their canopies and how closely they were

- planted together. Saving just 1 tree would still impact the 6 native trees due to the construction limit area required for higher retaining walls.
- Removing the 2 northern trees would allow the arc of the trail to shift substantially farther to the south; however, any alignment outside the configuration coming straight across would increase the WQR impact to some degree.
 - There was 10,700 sq ft of impact with the trail, the light rail alignment, and the 18 trees being removed with the revised configuration. TriMet was not only enhancing the area, including 48 trees, but also adding new upland habitat that did not exist today.
 - The alignment really did minimize the impacts to the WQR to the greatest extent possible and met the criteria. TriMet was open to some additional tree plantings to help mitigate for the loss of the Sequoia trees. They had made an honest effort to go above and beyond what the Code required, not only for the WQR areas but for tree mitigation in general. The Code typically required a 1:1 replacement for rights-of-way, and the proposal had a 3:1 to 5:1 replacement.
- The Water and Resource Mitigation slide was displayed. The green areas indicated where TriMet proposed plantings, in addition to removing the clematis and ivy. The 5-year monitoring and maintenance requirement would also be met.
- A 6-ft, high welded wire fence was proposed in the 6-ft buffer for the length of the trail section that would protect trail users, especially cyclists traveling fast speeds, from falling into the light rail line.
- The proposed alignment would retain the largest portion of developable area for a future parcel, as well as preserve the screening elements so highly desired by the community.
- This alignment allowed the project to stay outside the wetland. The current environmental
 permits for the project did not account for any impacts to the wetland area and maintaining a
 good amount of buffer from that area would be desirable.
- TriMet had been working in a collaborative process with Clackamas County, NCPRD, Urban Green, and many community members. TriMet had done a great job of doing outreach and getting out and talking to people living next to the alignment. Mr. Doran believed TriMet had a pretty high level of buy-in to the alignment with the screening elements, WQR, and planting buffers being provided.
- The timing of the tree removal was moved due to the migratory bird window, which dictated that trees could not be removed between March 1 and September 30. TriMet was considering two windows of opportunity for tree removal, one in February, and the other in the fall after the window closed.
 - TriMet wanted to leave screening and trees in place for as long as possible as they were
 valuable to the neighbors. They wanted to time it so the trees were replanted within the
 shortest window possible.
 - Some specific trees would likely be removed in February to facilitate the work that needed to be done. The rest would be removed in the fall.

Vice Chair Harris appreciated that TriMet came to the hearing with an alternative trail alignment.

Chair Batey called for staff comments.

Ms. Shanks noted Michelle Healey, who had been working with TriMet on this Trolley Trail section, and Sarah Hartung, the City's consultant, would address the Commission.

Michelle Healey, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), stated she had looked at the same things Mr. Doran had presented. They would like to be able to save all the trees if they could, but there were always tradeoffs to consider. TriMet had put a lot of thought into the alignment presented, and it was good for the trail as well as for the WQR area. She responded to questions from the Commission as follows:

- NCPRD was currently working with TriMet on an intergovernmental agreement regarding
 who would maintain the plantings and landscaping along the sides of the Trolley Trail in
 perpetuity. More than likely, NCPRD would have a big part of that responsibility, but it would
 be either TriMet or NCPRD. NCPRD wanted to be sure it was well maintained, not only for
 aesthetics but for safety reasons.
 - Mr. Doran added TriMet was installing the irrigation and usual maintenance amenities.

Chair Batey commented NCPRD had a wonderful resource in Tonya Burns; her expertise would have been helpful with regard to the plantings in Kronberg Park. She supported any help Ms. Burns could get as well as more funding to the natural area part of the parks budget.

 Ms. Healey noted Ms. Burns was reviewing all of this material as well and helping provide comment.

Vice Chair Harris moved to continue the meeting until 10:30 p.m. Commissioner Stoll seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Sarah Hartung, Wetlands and Wildlife Biologist, Environmental Science Associates, Portland, stated her firm had been consulted to look at the plan and investigate the site back in September.

- A spring-type feature was identified at the very bottom of the ravine; it was sort of a wetland
 and a waterway because groundwater was seeping out of the gravels and substrate at the
 bottom. The presence of the water at that time of year indicated it had a perennial nature
 and met the primary protected feature definition. Farther up in the contours was more of an
 intermittent drainage.
- The wide buffer was a result of it being a primary protected feature and the steep slopes. It
 was a degraded buffer because of the high dominance of English ivy and clematis. The
 mitigation plan would really provide a boost in clearing out and replacing the invasive
 nonnatives with native ground cover and understory. Several native shrubs were also being
 proposed.
- The retention of a couple Douglas firs, some of the big leaf maples, and the proposed planting of many Western cedars would eventually result in a mixed forest. There was a loss of that resource as those trees grew, but that was why there was a higher replacement ratio.
- Sequoias were not normally found in Oregon, although they did quite well here. She had
 done a tree survey for the Eastmoreland Golf Course where hundreds of giant sequoias
 were getting so big they crowded out the natives, used all the water, and caused problems.
 From a timeline perspective, the subject trees were very young sequoias. Old growth,
 irreplaceable trees were not being removed. The 3 trees were probably 60 to 80 years old,
 but the only way to be certain was to do a tree core.

Chair Batey noted that Mr. Platter said rare forms of trillium were farther up the water resource and that they should be dug up and moved.

Ms. Bird remarked that yet again, TriMet was giving reasons why something could not be done. She was worried about TriMet's diagram, because it showed trees planted closer to the existing

pathway than if the pathway ran around the sequoias. She was on the fence about whether or not the sequoias were natives.

• The point about the potential loss of the other 6 native trees was not entirely clear in her mind. The path alignment shown was farther away from the sequoias than from the other trees they had planted in the diagram. She strongly suspected TriMet was saying, yet again, "we cannot do this because..."

Chair Batey called for the Applicant's rebuttal.

Mr. Doran clarified that the plantings displayed were for the old alignment and not necessarily how the new planting would be configured. With the new alignment, the screening densities would change.

Commissioner Gamba noted where the preferred path was drawn in relationship to the drip line of the big sequoia tree being saved. He asked why the other alignment could not be pulled in closer to the other trees.

- Mr. Doran believed they could move that alignment in closer to those trees and bring that
 farther to the southeast. But again, anything outside of the straight-through alignment would
 increase the impact to the WQR. Additional walls would need to be built in the WQR closer
 to the wetland resource and the spring source itself.
- TriMet was not saying it could not be done, but it was a balance of determining the best way
 to restore and enhance the area. Saving three trees did not necessarily have an equal
 ecological benefit to the 6 trees on the other side; it did not balance. In removing 2 of the
 sequoias, they needed to consider if the benefit of saving that 1 tree outweighed the benefits
 of keeping the 1 to 6 native big, healthy trees.

Commissioner Fuchs asked the species of the 6 trees that would have to be removed in the alternative alignment.

- Mr. Doran believed most were big leaf maples and one was a Douglas fir. They were all
 natives and all were fairly mature trees.
- Ms. Shanks noted the canopy in this area was determined to be all native and in good shape; the understory was completely invasive, resulting in the area being classified as degraded. Saving as much of the canopy as possible was a good idea.
- **Mr. Doran** added it was easier to remove the invasives under the sequoias if they were not there. Work in and around the roots was not as thorough. Getting into the root systems of a lot of the species out there would be vital to the long-term success of the restoration. How those invasives were removed was a key to making this successful.

Chair Batey closed the public testimony for File MOD-11-01 and WQR-11-04.

Commissioner Stoll stated that as much as he would like to see the sequoias saved, he would rather not see further encroachment into the WQR and removal of the big leaf maples. He would rather keep native species and maintain the integrity of WQR as much as possible.

Commissioner Fuchs stated it was all important, not just what was charismatic like the sequoias. The sequoias might be more important to the citizens who have participated than the WQR or the maples. She was on the fence. It was hard to say which was more important.

Commissioner Gamba stated he had spent time at the site and believed they could leave the southern sequoia and not cut down any of the maples. He did not believe it was an either/or

proposition. If the southern sequoia was saved, the bend in the trail could be moved significantly further south. He confirmed that the width of the trail was 12 ft wide with 2 ft shoulders on each side. He indicated on a displayed diagram how the trail could be configured to avoid the other large trees if the sequoia were saved. Essentially, the bend in the trail would start earlier and finish earlier.

Chair Batey said she would have liked to have seen that studied and some testimony about how close the trail could get to the sequoia without damaging the tree's root system too much. The question was whether that one sequoia was worth the cost benefit of all the extra work and extra cost. She did not believe it was worth it.

Commissioner Wilson stated it came down to the safety issue; realignment was not safe. The arborist could condemn all the trees.

Chair Batey stated it was a safety issue if the trail was realigned all the way behind the trees, but Commissioner Gamba was talking about staying with the preferred alignment and bending it around that sequoia.

Commissioner Fuchs asked why TriMet's revised alignment was preferred rather than just following the existing alignment and bulbing the trail out right around the sequoias.

Commissioner Wilson responded that on the trails he had been on, cyclists were jamming down the path. He did not see the practicality of such an alignment, which really created a safety issue, especially with cyclists traveling 10 or 20 miles per hour and someone walking the other way.

Vice Chair Harris offered cyclists travel much faster, 30 miles per hour.

Vice Chair Harris moved to approve the application as presented with the modified recommended findings and conditions of approval provided on the green handout. Commissioner Stoll seconded the motion.

Commissioner Gamba said he wanted to adjust Condition 3.B.2 which discussed vine plantings.

Ms. Shanks said she knew the vine plantings had been debated, but it was outside her expertise. The plantings for the WQR areas were all native, but natives were not proposed for all the plantings outside of the WQR areas.

Carol Mayer-Reed, Urban Design Lead for TriMet, Mayer-Reed Landscape Architects, explained certain kinds of vines were able to negotiate and climb a wall surface. Other vines sprawl on the ground and would not provide the graffiti deterrent quality they were looking for the design of the trail. She did not know of a native vine that would stick to the wall like the nonnative Boston ivy, which was why it was chosen.

Commissioner Fuchs assumed the alternative alignment presented was chosen because of safety issues such as the cycling speeds.

Ms. Mayer-Reed believed that was part of it. In her experience, one did not want to design a trail with a sudden turn for safety reasons, especially around a conifer branched to the ground, because no sight line existed through it.

 When a cluster of trees like these dense branching sequoias grew together as one canopy, there was a lot of dead inside. Removing 2 of the trees would not result in the magnificent single tree they envisioned. The center tree would probably be brown on 2 sides. It was a lot of work for a tree that probably would not meet their expectations.

Commissioner Gamba said he was not fond of plantings things like Boston ivy, and wanted to find a different alternative, even though Boston ivy was not on the invasive list.

Chair Batey stated recently she had seen some kind of vine climbing up a wall that was all different colors and beautiful.

Ms. Mangle stated this condition was almost solely focused on coordinating the information shown in different plans. Some things shown in the landscaping plans were not reflected in the civil plans. To change the species of a planting, which would change the urban design quality and vision, the related criteria would need to be identified. This set of conditions was more related to plan coordination, so if there was a policy related to the recommended change, it would need to be identified.

The Commission consented to use Boston ivy.

Vice Chair Harris moved to approve TriMet's land use application File MOD-11-01 and WQR-11-04 with the modified recommended findings and conditions of approval shown on the green handout. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Batey read the rules of appeal into the record.

6.0 Worksession Items — None

7.0 Planning Department Other Business/Updates

7.1 Water Master Plan hearing 12/13/11

Ms. Mangle briefly overviewed the Water Master Plan, which would be introduced at the public hearing on December 13, 2011. Also at that meeting, a worksession would be held on the Residential Development Standards project addressing the list of issues the Commission wanted to discuss.

8.0 Planning Commission Discussion Items

Commissioner Fuchs distributed an article on electronic signs that discussed a number of things that Commission did not know.

9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings:

December 13, 2011 1. Public Hearing: CPA-11-02 Water Master Plan tentative

- Worksession: Residential Development Standards Project Multifamily Residential Development & Design; Typology
- January 10, 2011 1. Worksession: Residential Development Standards Project Single-Family Residential Development & Design; Conditional Uses.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

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