

March 5, 2012
Noon
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Councilors present: McConnell, Beemer, Brusselback, Allen, Sawyer, Bertuleit, and Roumagoux.

Staff present: Voetberg, Hawker, Tokos, Protiva, and Marshall.

Also in attendance: Dave Morgan, Penelope Kaczmarek, Mark Saelens, and Vickie Freedom.

1. It was noted that the applicant for the Budget Committee vacancy was not in attendance. It was agreed to forward this application for official appointment at the evening meeting. Staff agreed to contact the applicant and see whether he could attend this evening's meeting.
2. Penelope Kaczmarek, Mark Saelens, and Vickie Freedom appeared on behalf of the Oregon Coast Community Forest Association to discuss possible planning for "Forest Park." McConnell briefly discussed planning for open space. Tokos distributed maps of the area and noted that this area is listed on the 1993 Parks System Master Plan as open space. Kaczmarek reviewed a proposal that was previously presented to Council from the Oregon Coast Community Forest Association. She suggested collaboration, between the city and the OCCFA, in adopting "Forest Park." She noted that the property was purchased through a HUD grant for green space. She added that her group would support the city in creating a forest management plan, trail building, and invasive species control. She discussed the possible creation of a conservation easement. Kaczmarek responded to Council questions. She noted that groups like the Trout Mountain Forest Group might be of assistance to the city. McConnell suggested designating this area as forest/open space, naming it, and designating it as a part of the city's park system. Allen suggested obtaining additional staff input, particularly that of the Public Works Director. McConnell noted that there is a similar wooded area that runs from Highway 20 to Bay Boulevard. It was asked that the OCCFA return to Council with a framework for how the collaboration might work.
3. A discussion ensued regarding the public arts policy. Voetberg noted that Council direction is needed on several policy issues. He added that once the policy issues are decided, changes can be made to the policy, and it will return to Council for final adoption. Roumagoux discussed Policy Question #2, noting that the OCCA director would be the chair of a standing committee that would meet at the discretion of the OCCA director. She also noted that the Task Force has agreed to become the standing committee. Roumagoux discussed the 1% for the Arts program. It was agreed to leave the issue for private businesses in the policy, as an option, rather

than a mandate. A discussion ensued regarding the definition of a public project. Voetberg will bring an amended policy to Council at a later date.

4. Council discussed the draft goals that were recently established, and any personal goals they might have had when they ran for Council. Bertuleit suggested the addition, to the Community Development Department goals, of adopting a South Beach Development Plan as a 2012/2013 goal; and the implementation of that goal as a one to five year goal. Roumagoux noted that she had several goals when she ran for Council, but they have all been addressed. They included infrastructure, swimming pool, city budget, better coordination with OCCC, and water and sewer to the airport. She added that she is no longer on the OCCC Board of Directors. Brusselback noted that he wanted to emphasize redevelopment, and was interested in continuing a sustainability effort. Allen noted that the overarching mission statement addresses sustainability. It was agreed to add, as an ongoing goal, "look at ways to conserve resources." This would be a separate section of the goals and apply to all city departments.
5. A discussion ensued regarding the city manager's upcoming evaluation, and the tools to be used in this process. McConnell reviewed the workshops that he, Roumagoux, and Allen had attended on this topic. Allen asked whether it was the intent to have the employee questionnaire completed and compiled by the time of the evaluation. Voetberg noted that it should be complete by June. McConnell discussed a leadership evaluation tool that is given to community members to allow the city manager to see how he is viewed by others. A discussion ensued regarding whether to use this tool.
6. A discussion ensued regarding the recommendations of the Tourism Facilities Grant Review Task Force. Allen noted that he would like more information and presentations from the applicants. McConnell noted that no action needs to be taken at this evening's meeting, but that he would like to determine the comfort level of the City Council. Further discussion ensued regarding the fact that the Task Force did not recommend using all the money, and the type of agreement or memo of understanding that would be entered into with the grantees. McConnell reiterated that the matter will be discussed this evening, and Allen reiterated that the issue is one of being informed.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 P.M.