## City of Newport City Center Revitalization Planning Committee Minutes June 28, 2024

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL, 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT Time Start: 2:00 P.M. Time End: 4:07 P.M.

## ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER	STAFF
Jack Weber	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Wayne Patterson	Sherri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Jim Patrick	Rob Murphy, Fire Chief (absent)
Luke Simonsen	Tom Sakaris, Fire Marshall (absent)
Christina Simonsen	Anna laukea, Urban Renewal Project Manger
Laurie Sanders	Jim Hencke, DEA (by video)
Dustin Capri	David Berniker, UrbsWorks (by video)
Karen Rockwell (by video)	Brandy Steffen, JLA (by video)
Brett Estes (by video)	David Helton, ODOT (by video)
Rich Belloni	
Melony Heim	PUBLIC
Eric Hanneman	Dietmar Goebel
Rev. Judith Jones (by video)	
Dr. Ralph Breitenstein	
Timothy Johnson (absent)	
Bob Berman (by video)	
Deb Jones (by video)	
Cynthia Jacobi	
Robert Emond	

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
COMMITTEE MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS	
a. Roll Call	None.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
<ul> <li>Meeting minutes of City Center         Revitalization Planning Committee Meeting on May 31, 2024     </li> </ul>	Motion by Breitenstein, seconded by Patrick to approve the City Center Revitalization Planning Committee Meeting on May 31, 2024 as written. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.
REVIEW COMMITTEE CHARTER	
a. Review and discussion on project overview	Ms. Steffen reviewed the Committee Charter covering the goals, terms of membership, meeting schedule, communications, conduct of meetings, roles and responsibilities, and conflict resolution.

## Mr. Tokos reviewed the project overview covering the PROJECT OVERVIEW project team; advisory committee members; background of the project; purpose of the group; and process chart for the committee work. PLAN GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND **EVALUATION CRITERIA** Mr. Hencke covered the plan goals, objectives and Review and discussion on project overview evaluation criteria. Discussion points included the City Center revitalization area map; items missing from the goals; Transportation System Plan (TSP) alternatives and criteria; thoughts on achieving the vision for street solutions; criteria values and tradeoffs based off of the type of users; and market, real estate, and strategy criteria. The Committee gave their thoughts on objectives for b. Committee feedback the project. Heim thought that Hurbert Street should be added to the place map. Capri wanted to see research done on what the constraints would be to do a short couplet. Berman wanted serious consideration for both couplet options. Jacobi thought a community gathering place should be added to the goals. Capri thought property development and acquisition shouldn't be a goal. Berman noted there was no mention of bikes. pedestrians, and transit in the traffic flow objective, and wanted it added. Weber expressed concerns about 10-foot lanes being too narrow with bicycle lanes. Luke Simonsen questioned where street parking would be on 9th Street with the changes. Deb Jones thought they should find alternatives on both sides of the highway to accommodate parking, which included closing streets. Emond thought the Committee needed to decide what

Capri requested the Committee discuss the recommendations on the best TSP alternatives at the next meeting.

the major overarching goal was to be able to determine

a plan for what they should accomplish.

Jacobi questioned if there was money in the Plan to help businesses that would be partially closed or without sidewalks during the implementation. Tokos explained this could be structured under the incentive funds.

Breitenstein requested the slides be provided to the Committee a week before the meetings so there was time to give feedback. Capri wanted to see a narrative that explained how the statistics applied to the criteria and why there were poor performances. Deb Jones thought it would be wise to take a look at what the County was doing at the Commons property so there weren't duplicate needs. Emond thought housing was important. He questioned if traffic management or walkability was more important for development. The Committee gave their thoughts on criteria priorities that included adding housing; making an attractive vibrant downtown that was walkable; improving the aesthetics; infrastructure improvements/maintenance which includes safety, flexibility and development; creating a vibrant downtown that was accessible; improving traffic flow and safety; creating a culture that is uniquely Newport; creating mixed use areas with housing and safe parking; honoring Newport as a fishing community; making sure businesses in the Latino area around Hurbert Street weren't displaced due to affordability; focusing on a Farmers Market area visible from Hwy 101; researching minimum mobility standards and examples of how other cities have done this; and looking at safety considerations for bikes and pedestrians. Capri requested a 20 minute agenda item be added to the next meeting to allow Committee members to give feedback and comments. Discussion was moved to the August 23, 2024 TARGETED OUTREACH meeting. None. **NEXT STEPS** None. CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT

Submitted by:

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