

August 12, 2019
3:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

VISION 2040 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Vision 2040 Advisory Committee met on the above date and time in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Wayne Belmont, Ralph Breitenstein, Bri Goodwin, Patti Ferry, Luana Beeson, Kathy Windell, Cynthia Jacobi, CM Hall, Sara Skamser, Karen Gray, Rebecca Austen, and Leslie Palotas. Staff in attendance was Spencer Nebel, City Manager, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Ferry, seconded by Goodwin, to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

New Members. Breitenstein introduced the agenda item. Windell said she is a retired teacher from Lincoln County and a member of the Health District Foundation Board. Skamser said she has been a commercial fisherman and was recently appointed president of the Port of Newport Commission.

Update on Ford Family Foundation Discussions. Palotas introduced the agenda item. She said in the most recent phone call, Ford has three categories they are used to seeing in their community builder grant applications. She noted the first is salary, which would be for a vision coordinator and a supporting contractor for the roles the coordinator was not savvy at. She reported the second category is a connecting and convening space. She said Ford was surprised the budget did not have more funds for celebration. She stated one suggestion is thinking of the vision coordinator as not housed in city hall, but having a roaming office in the greater Newport area. She asked for thoughts on office space in the community that could be donated as an in-kind service. Beeson said the school district can host them in multiple places. Ferry said it would have to go before her board, but the Chamber may have space. Belmont said the county may be able to offer space as well. Ferry suggested the community college. Hawker said the city could offer space at times. Palotas said she would check into Wilder and suggested Centro de Ayuda. The Oregon State University extension office was also suggested.

Palotas said the last category is community led action, or catalyst seed money. She noted another idea for funding was including work group budgets. She reported Ford mentioned asking work groups that if they had a budget, what would they do with it and get an estimate of what a year would look like to support stakeholder meetings. She added Ford wants to contribute less than 50 percent of the overall effort. She stated Ford also suggested group beta testing the data collection and compiling. Palotas announced a Vision through Action presentation in Bend in October. She emphasized the importance of building upon and incorporating Ford's community building approach in Vision 2040 work. Breitenstein said his sense was Ford wants to give enough support that if they

provide funding, the program will be successful. Breitenstein and Hawker emphasized the need to turn in the budget soon.

MOTION was made by Belmont, seconded by Goodwin, to direct the chair and co-chair to finalize the budget and submit it to the Ford Foundation. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Hawker asked for the people offering space to come up with an in-kind amount. Belmont asked for clarification on the kind of space. Hawker said a space with access to a computer and able to hold a meeting would be ideal. Hall said that budgeting and planning should be included for printing materials in other languages, especially Spanish, and interpreting services. Goodwin noted a work group budget is needed too. Hawker urged the committee to envision the amount of money that would help them. Hall mentioned the 350 environmental group needing funding. Belmont noted there are other groups in the community needing funding too. Hawker suggested the committee could consider catalyst grant applications for outside groups. Skamser suggested field trips as a line item.

Vision Progress Data Tracking Test - Review and Discussion. Palotas demonstrated entering information into the data tracker for a 350.org meeting. Nebel suggested breakouts for work groups and tracking by recently completed projects, ongoing projects, and future projects. Palotas added that Goodwin mentioned a box for community participation information would be helpful. Palotas said the project is in the beta testing zone, and the committee and city council can enter data. She stated, ideally, the community would enter data in the future, and that would feed into a website. Hall noted it's possible to add in the date field for upcoming or annual events. She also suggested having the option "Send me a copy of my responses" required at the beginning so email addresses are captured. It was noted you can color code the Google calendar and archive calendars. Hawker suggested recurring event/project/action as a wording option. A member suggested in process for wording.

MOTION was made by Goodwin, seconded by Belmont, for the vice-chair to continue working on the data tracker. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Vision Launch Event - Discussion Regarding Potential Dates and Activities. Palotas introduced the agenda item. She suggested having the event in the fall at the Angle Street parking lot after the farmers market. She also suggested a hunt through the neighborhood showcasing local businesses and non-profits involved in the vision. She noted that fitting with navigating our future theme, there could be vision coordinates for the community to gather. She added this would be an event that builds and builds and moves from neighborhood to neighborhood. Nebel suggested the end of January or early February. Goodwin suggested spring instead of winter since people would be walking or biking. Hawker asked if the data gathered at the event would go into council goal setting. Nebel replied that would not work this year. Breitenstein stated the decision needs to be made whether to have the event this year or next year. Hawker suggested smaller ramp up celebrations where stakeholders could hold events leading up to the main event. Another member suggested the spring. Palotas suggested a first step as making thank you cards for organizations whose work is part of the vision and then engaging them in Vision 2040.

Work Group Reports. Beeson said her report matches the discussion of the committee meeting. Breitenstein said his work groups are looking at adding members. He announced there will be a residency program in Lincoln County that partners with Corvallis. Beeson suggested joint work group meetings between related work groups.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacobi said she is working with the county on foster care and health care issues. Hall mentioned that the celebratory events need to take child care into consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.