

Bridge to Bridge/River to Railroad Task Force Meeting – December 2, 2009

Attendees:

Task Force Members:

Hank Sauer – Parks & Recreation Commission
Tim Arntzen – Port of Kennewick
Ken Williamson - Historic Downtown District

Absent Members:

Thomas Moak – Mayor, City of Kennewick
Steve Young - Councilman, City of Kennewick
Bob Spaulding – Planning Commission

Other Attendees

Don Sampson – Executive Director, Umatilla Tribe
Catherine Reed – Washington State Department of Ecology
Russ Burtner – Special Projects Coordinator, City of Kennewick
Ferdouse Oneza – Planning Manager, City of Kennewick
Anthony Muai – Assistant Planner, City of Kennewick
Steve Mallory – Arculus Design & Technical Services
Spencer Montgomery – JUB Engineering
Tim Dalton – Historic Downtown Partnership
Representative of a local wakeboarding club (did not sign in)

Consultant - Beckwith Consulting Group

Tom Beckwith
Steve Price
Don Stastny

Discussion

Tom Beckwith gave an overview of the neighborhood workshops summarizing the points made about street network, pedestrian and bicycle network, green spaces, auto sales and services, residential options, industrial areas and the river.

Washington and Fruitland were identified as the major streets to emphasize for pedestrian and bicycle travel.

Duffy's Pond was discussed in terms of Port's plan and which features to emphasize. Tim Arntzen expressed the Port's intention of enhancing existing habitat. He also expressed the need to revisit existing critical areas ordinance in order to have more flexible regulations in relation to setbacks from Duffy's Pond.

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Don Sampson expressed the Tribes willingness to partner with the City and the Port. He stated that they had an interest in both educational and economic opportunities that the plan could provide.

Beautification of the area in general was discussed. Auto dealers expressed the desire to remain on Columbia Dr., noting the need for some to clean up their properties as well as public investment in streetscape.

Tom also discussed the need for kick-off projects to show that we are serious about the plan. Ideas included the Port's efforts and sending out a request for proposals.