

Bridge to Bridge/River to Railroad Task Force Meeting – November 5, 2009

Attendees:

Task Force Members:

Thomas Moak – Mayor, City of Kennewick

Bob Spaulding – Planning Commission

Absent Members:

Tim Arntzen – Port of Kennewick

Steve Young - Councilman, City of Kennewick

Ken Williamson - Historic Downtown District

Hank Sauer – Parks & Recreation Commission

Other Attendees

Russ Burtner – Special Projects Coordinator, City of Kennewick

Peter Beaudry – Municipal Services Executive Director, City of Kennewick

Ferdouse Oneza –Planning Manager, City of Kennewick

Anthony Muai – Assistant Planner, City of Kennewick

Craig Littrell – Police Captain, City of Kennewick

Tim Dalton – Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership

Spencer Montgomery – JUB Engineering

Ginger Vetrano – League of Women Voters

Consultant - Beckwith Consulting Group

Tom Beckwith, FAICP

Steve Price

Discussion

Tom Beckwith gave a brief overview of comments received regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping notice. So far there have been no objections to the proposed scope of the EIS.

Steve Price gave an overview of the stakeholder's interview. A common question that has arisen is how will these improvements be paid for? It has been stated that a clear and concise plan for financing improvements will be needed. Interviewees have also expressed the need for a timeline that will show the sequence of events/improvements to take place in the area. Also stated was that an extensive public information program needs to be developed and pushed hard at the implementation stages.

Tom briefly discussed some of the results of the workshops that had been held thus far. He then gave a brief overview of the online survey and the results received thus far.