

Bridge to Bridge/River to Railroad Task Force Meeting – October 7, 2009

Attendees:

Task Force Members:

Thomas Moak – Mayor, City of Kennewick
Steve Young - Councilman, City of Kennewick
Ken Williamson - Historic Downtown District
Bob Spaulding – Planning Commission

Other Attendees

Craig Littrell – Police Captain, City of Kennewick
Russ Burtner – City of Kennewick
Ferdouse Oneza –Planning Manager, City of Kennewick
Anthony Muai – Assistant Planner, City of Kennewick
Terri Wright – Administrative Assistant, City of Kennewick
Tim Dalton – Historic Downtown Association
Steve Mallory – Arculus Design & Technical Services
Spencer Montgomery – JUB Engineering

Consultant - Beckwith Consulting Group

Tom Beckwith, FAICP
Steve Price

Discussion

Tom Beckwith gave an overview of task force meeting goals and objectives, which are posted on the website. Tom also gave an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) scoping notice.

- Natural Environment
 - Earth, Water, Plants & Animals and Energy & Natural resources will be addressed.
 - Air will not be included unless agencies specifically request that they be addressed in the DEIS
- Built Environment
 - All elements (Environmental Health, Land & Shoreline use, Transportation, and Public services - Fire, Police, Schools and Recreation) will be included.
- Scoping notice is also published on the web

Tom also gave an update on the schedule. Three additional review dates for each the City Council and Planning Commission have been added. Neighborhood workshop dates have also been scheduled. All workshops will be held at the Clover Island Inn conference room on the 4th floor. Neighborhood workshops begin October 27th and are scheduled to be complete on November 5th.

- Oct. 27 – Neighborhood #2 from 12-2pm
- Oct. 28 – Neighborhood #5 from 12-2pm
- Oct. 29 – Neighborhood #7 from 12-2pm
- Oct. 29 – Neighborhood #6 from 6-8pm
- Nov. 4 – Neighborhood #4 from 12-2pm
- Nov. 4 – Neighborhood #3 from 6-8pm
- Nov. 5 – Neighborhood #1 from 6-8pm.

Task Force wants emphasis to be on revitalization rather than redevelopment. Stakeholders' interview has been in progress, a set of questionnaire was prepared for the interviews. Stakeholders have

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expressed concerns about UDAT's not including existing businesses concern in the process. Business owners, specifically auto industry identifies their contribution in the area's growth and businesses.

Steve Price gave a report of how stakeholder interviews have been going. There has been a general sense of excitement among those interviewed and those scheduled. Task Force expressed that some questions could be reworded to have a friendlier tone. Steve indicated that the questions asked are not necessarily asked word for word during interviews and that the purpose of the questions is to stimulate discussion and thoughtful insight.

Tom gave an overview of the mailer that would be sent to residents, property owners, and business owners. Tom also gave an overview how the neighborhood workshops will be conducted. Each workshop will go over guidelines for participation that are posted on the web. Participants will brainstorm likes/dislikes, opportunities and advantages of the neighborhood first and then area at large.

- Notification of workshops to be published and advertised in a variety of ways
 - Web site
 - Newspaper
 - Mailings (7-10 days prior to workshop)
 - Newspaper article or meeting with the editorial board
- All workshops to be held at the Clover Island Inn
- Workshops for business neighborhoods will be conducted first, followed by residential neighborhoods.
 - A focus on residential turnout will be essential to success in those neighborhoods.

A survey will be posted on the web. The survey will address existing conditions in the area.

An agenda will be provided for the next task force meeting on October 21, 2009 in advance and the webpage will continue to be updated with ongoing information.