

**TUALATIN TOMORROW
VIC STEERING COMMITTEE**

MEETING #15

July 8, 2009

6:40 P.M. – 8:12 P.M.

City Council Chambers, 18880 SW Martinazzi Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Anderson; June Bennett, Frank Bubenik; Dayna Kam; Candice Kelly; Connie Ledbetter; Larry McClure; Linda Moholt; Beth Roach; Ben Roberson; Bethany Wertz; Jay Wilcox

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monique Beikman; Ed Casey; Rina Minato; Alex Schrimp; Karen Solano; Ashley Thiessen

STAFF: Doug Rux, Community Development Director
Carol Rutherford, Office Coordinator

AGENDA

Mr. Bubenik called the meeting to order.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MAY 13, 2009 VIC STEERING COMMITTEE

MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Ledbetter, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009, VIC Steering Committee meeting. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

February 25, 2010 Chamber Luncheon “State of the City: Tualatin Tomorrow is sponsoring this luncheon which will coincide with Mayor Ogden delivering the “State of the City” address. As a sponsor, we will be given 5-7 minutes to discuss our program and distribute flyers and other materials for promotional purposes and to provide an item as a give-a-way. We will receive two luncheon tickets. Additional luncheon tickets can be purchased for \$25.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Newsletter: The first Tualatin Tomorrow insert was included in the July 2009 edition of the City newsletter and will appear bi-monthly during FY 2009/2010. The newsletter is distributed to every residence in Tualatin. Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas (Connie Ledbetter’s focus group) will be highlighted in the September edition. Margie Bradley (who could not attend tonight’s meeting due to illness) will interface with Connie for content in the next edition. This insert will also serve as a forum for recruiting volunteers, either for participation in the overall project or to solicit help for a particular event.

Annual Report – Presentation to City Council, July 13, 2009: This report will be made by Frank and Candice and include a 20-slide Power Point presentation. It is a General Business item so more time can be allocated to the report than the time frame we adhere to when doing focus area presentations.

Update - Vision Summary: Due to numerous technical/formatting issues, the proposed update of this document is not ready to submit to the City Council on Monday evening. Candice, Frank and Margie are continuing to work on it, and it will be placed on the August 24th City Council agenda as a General Business item. Prior to that meeting, we will discuss this document with the Council members and present them with a “track changes” version of the requested updates.

Update – Crawfish Festival Parade/Booth: This event is Saturday, August 8th. Margie is working with Diane Bonica on the float. Three wagons will be purchased and hopefully three others borrowed which will be decorated to resemble covered wagons to fit in with the theme of “Wild Wild Fest.” The six wagons will allow us to promote each of the six focus areas. The three new wagons will then be raffled off at the Crawfish Festival. Candice asked Linda Moholt if there will be a Public Address system that we can use to promote the raffle. Jill Anderson will loan us two wagons. Candice circulated sign up sheets to solicit volunteers for participation in the parade and to work at the booth. If enough volunteers are available, we can take two-hour shifts. Give-a-ways will include Frisbees, post-it notes and tattoos. In the two previous Crawfish parades, our floats won first and second prize.

Update - GLC Report Before City Council, Monday, June 22nd: Ed Casey was not in attendance. Frank reported that the GLC presentation went fine.

Event Planning 2009/2010: Frank facilitated a discussion to update the Tualatin Tomorrow Schedule and Work Plan for 2009-2010. Mr. Rux reaffirmed that we should focus on doing a few things well and not stretch ourselves too thin. Items to include in this document are:

- Vision Implementation Committee and VIC Steering committee meetings will follow the same schedule as 2008-2009.
- Speaker Bureau outreach events include participation in the Crawfish Festival on August 8th, a Partner Luncheon in January 2010, the Chamber luncheon on February 25th, Health and Safety Fair April 17th, and our Annual event in May 2010. We will not participate in the Pumpkin Regatta or Spring Fling since attendees at both of these events are from throughout the Portland Metropolitan area. The Health and Safety Fair may be expanded to include use of the Van Raden House and Pohl Center. Joe Lipscomb is the chair and Candice is the vice chair for this event.
- Focus area presentations to City Council will continue on a bi-monthly basis, as outlined on the back page of the meeting schedule.
- Due to the City holiday on November 11th (Veteran’s Day) it was agreed to reschedule the VIC Steering Committee meeting to November 4th.
- Newsletter updates for each focus area will be done bi-monthly to coincide with the focus area presentation to Council the previous month (i.e. PRN presentation to Council is in August and will then be highlighted in the September edition)
- Margie Bradley will be requested to update the Tualatin Tomorrow website. This is scheduled for October 2009 and April 2010.

Committee members briefly discussed other opportunities for Speaker’s Bureau events. Linda Moholt offered her assistance to arrange a presentation at a future Rotary meeting. Sheri Wantland of Clean Water Services has offered to host a brown bag luncheon to discuss

outreach. She is involved in the IAP2 program for which Tualatin Tomorrow won a national award following its initial phase of Tualatin Tomorrow. Mr. Rux explained the IAP2 program in more detail and described it as a very elaborate way to engage the public in different programs.

Larry McClure reiterated his desire to use the Heritage Center as a forum to engage people in a controversial issue and to get people out to discuss/debate it. Possible topics could include urban/rural reserves, Metro presentation to further discuss options for the connector, Town Center Plan, high speed rail service, or a "Bridging the Gap" presentation as a fundraising effort on behalf of the Tigard-Tualatin School District. The Heritage Center is available at no cost, seats about 60 people, and can be reserved either through Community Services or by contacting Lindy Hughes.

Community Health and Safety Fair Update: An update on this event was already discussed. It is hoped that the City will become more involved next year. Tualatin Tomorrow will continue its sponsorship since many elements tie into the Health Safety and Social Services focus area.

Committee members also discussed other ways to unite the community that could include neighborhood associations which currently feels like a missing link in Tualatin. Doug Rux explained that the City Council currently recognizes five of them, but Hazelbrook is only the active one. They were initially formed because of new development and have no relationship with the homeowners associations throughout the City. The City Council does discuss this topic. Fox Hills is considering reforming the small one currently in existence. In the future it is possible that the City could look at other areas for models that might work for us and determine if there could be interaction with Tualatin Tomorrow. Neighborhood organizations frequently deal with issues such as crime, parks graffiti, and traffic calming. Doug stated that this topic should initially have more discussion at the City Manager and Council level, and he reiterated the need for Tualatin Tomorrow to stay focused to do a few things well to avoid "burn out" among our volunteers. Committee members concurred that the best plan for the focus areas is to identify one item and go forward with it.

Another discussion focused on corporate sponsorship and solicitation of donations to support our program so that it is not relying solely on funding from the City. Even small donations from area businesses can add up and go a long way. This could be a topic for a future newsletter article. Deductions are tax deductible, and information could be included that we are a 5013C organization.

Focus Area Leads Reports:

TTC: Bethany Wertz is not yet officially assuming the role of focus area lead for TTC but did attend the meeting and reported that she is meeting tomorrow with Councilor Beikman, Mayor Ogden, Dave Volz, Mike McKillip and Candice. This meeting will provide her with an update on where we are with transportation, connectivity and I-5 connector issues. She commented that homeowners associations can be a good resource to obtain feedback on transportation issues. She knows lots of people here in town but needs to get them involved.

ACE: Larry reinforced the need for additional volunteerism in his area. More support is needed to deal with issues regarding schools. We need a forum of people to work with them. He is brainstorming three action items on this topic in his area. He cited the conversion of the former Tualatin elementary school and, while numerous options for this facility were discussed (i.e. children's museum or saving it for the performing arts) the building has been purchased and will be torn down for the construction of a senior residence facility. However, the developer has assured us that they want to save some of the materials for use in the new building and recycle as much as possible. Doug commented that while the brick is too old to be used for the actual structure, it could be used for decorative planters. Larry mentioned that the former Rich's Kitchen has been renovated. Mashita Teriyaki will be opening soon on the first floor with the VFW relocating to the second floor. The VFW may provide an additional option for rental for community/personal events.

GLC: Ed Casey was not in attendance; no further report was provided.

HSS: Jay Wilcox reported that plans are moving forward to hold an interfaith meeting at Rolling Hills facilitated by Eric Canon from Forest Grove who is the Chairperson of the Interfaith Committee on Homelessness. Scott Schlegel from Community Action will attend. Scott is also working with Gerry Pryne of Rolling Hills on homeless issues. The food pantry, which currently serves 500 families per month, will be moving to Rolling Hills on August 15th. They will give a nominal contribution to Rolling Hills to help offset the costs of heat, electricity, plumbing etc. Transportation issues for area residents to access the new food pantry continue to be discussed, and a survey to ascertain needs is being conducted. A shuttle has been ruled out due to liability issues. The Tualatin Tomorrow visioning program played a large role in the relocation of the Food Pantry from the elementary school to the new location.

GHT: Beth Roach announced that the second meeting to discuss the formation of a farmers' market is scheduled for July 9th. A local lawyer has volunteered his services. She has discussed options for a time/location for the farmers market with the City Manager, and it would be desirable for it to coincide with either the concerts, movies, or library activities on the Commons. The goal is for the farmers market to begin in Summer 2010. She has already talked to area businesses regarding their sponsorship. Beth announced that she participated in a 350-word essay contest sponsored by Dryer's Ice Cream and won a party for 120 neighborhood people which will be held in August.

PRN: Connie and Jill will do a presentation to City Council on August 24th. Connie is now a member of the TPARK Advisory Committee. She has also been attending the urban/rural reserves meetings. The Tualatin River Keepers is planning a fall activity called "Fall Fest" at Browns' Ferry Park which will include rafting and other outdoor-related activities. Tualatin Tomorrow has been invited to participate. Janet Bebb from Metro announced the opening of the Cooper Mountain Nature Park in south Beaverton which consists of 231 acres and 3½ miles of gravel trails. It will be operated by Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. Additional information is available on their website. A subcommittee has been formed to discuss the creation of a dog park. While a location has been identified, actual construction cannot begin until the Lower Tualatin Pump Station is done.

Chamber of Commerce: Linda reported that in addition to the activities associated with the Crawfish Festival, she has been working with the Government Affairs Council which has three new members, Yvonne Addington, Ed Casey, and Larry Harvey. These are talented players who have the goal to be strong advocates for the business community and work toward future economic development to secure new jobs and retain businesses in Tualatin. Scott Bruun will be the keynote speaker at the July 23rd Chamber luncheon. He will provide an update on the recent State legislative session. There are several significant bills which could create negative tax issues in this area for businesses. The Crawfish Festival is August 7th-9th. Activities include lots of music, food, activities, Latino events, Tualafest, a skating competition and an expanded dog show. Five Guys Named Moe will be performing on Saturday night.

City of Tualatin: Doug provided a comprehensive update on the multitude of activities occurring in the City. Urban/rural reserves continues to move forward throughout the region. Reports are being prepared which will be submitted to the counties for review in August with recommendations to the Steering Committee in September. Council will be provided with a update at their July 27th meeting. An open house/work shop was held on June 1st to discuss options for the Town Center. The City secured a grant to enable funding for a consultant to assist with options for this project. Their Power Point presentation is currently on the City's website. Staff is working with CH2M Hill to create options for landscaping along SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road in the downtown area which could include a gateway feature. An ad hoc committee was formed, and this information will be also be shared with Council on July 27th. Staff is working on information to be displayed in the City's tent at the Crawfish Festival.

Discussions on train horn noise mitigation continue as well as a new issue to discuss bringing high speed rail through this area for service to run between Eugene and British Columbia. 13 billion dollars+ may be available. Metro continues to facilitate discussions on the Connector and a study of the south I-5 corridor with input from the mayors in this area. Development has starting to pick up including possible new home construction. The JAE Master Plan which requested a partition for 15 acres has been approved, enabling this land to be sold to another high tech company. The new Class A office building at the southeast corner of Highway 99W and SW 124th Avenue remains vacant. Staff continues to work with Phight/Laika for the future development of their 30-acre site. SW Herman Road is being expanded with completion expected by November 2009.

The SW Concept Plan, which includes the Tigard Sand and Gravel site, will be revisited within the next eight months. The City is working with Sherwood on 300 acres on the west side for the development of an industrial concept plan. Next year we will continue to explore options for development in south Tualatin in conjunction with Wilsonville and Washington County. Future development on the east side of I-5 includes the Stafford Hills Tennis Club and possible expansion of Legacy Meridian Park Hospital which will require a zoning change. A zoning change has also been requested on the site of the LaPetite Academy for conversion to medical office use. Nyberg Woods is currently searching for a tenant to occupy the former OfficeMax location. The Alexan (near Bridgeport Village) is on hold, and the Phoenix Inn hotel which is part of the Shoppes at Bridgeport Village should be completed in August. Staff is also working with a company that may be interested in the former Joe's building.

ACTIONS

Any Needed Actions on Above Items: Committee members were encouraged to recruit volunteers for the Crawfish parade and booth. They were also requested to log in all volunteer hours using the “Volgistics” program. If assistance is needed, contact Carol, Margie, or Victoria Eggleston, the City’s Volunteer Coordinator. As a starting point for participation in this program, Victoria requires the volunteer’s name and email address. Data from all people volunteering for the City will be included in an annual report compiled by the Human Resources Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENT/OTHER ITEMS

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Summary Notes prepared by Carol Rutherford, City of Tualatin