

**TUALATIN TOMORROW
VIC STEERING COMMITTEE**

MEETING #16

August 12, 2009

6:30 P.M. – 7:52 P.M.

City Council Chambers, 18880 SW Martinazzi Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monique Beikman; June Bennett, Frank Bubenik; Ed Casey; Candice Kelly; Kelly King; Connie Ledbetter; Larry McClure; Rina Minato; Alex Schrimp; Karen Solano; Ashley Thiessen; Jay Wilcox

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jill Anderson; Dayna Kam; Linda Moholt; Beth Roach; Ben Roberson; Bethany Wurtz

GUESTS: Hal Ballard; Joe Lipscomb; Sarah Smurthwaite

STAFF: Doug Rux, Community Development Director
Carol Rutherford, Office Coordinator
Margie Bradley, Tualatin Tomorrow Champion

AGENDA

Mr. Bubenik called the meeting to order and briefly reviewed the handouts. Alex Schrimp recruited Sarah Smurthwaite, a Tualatin High School student who wants to join Tualatin Tomorrow. She worked in the Tualatin Tomorrow booth at the Crawfish Festival last Saturday.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2009 VIC STEERING COMMITTEE

MOTION by Wilcox, SECOND by Ledbetter, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009, VIC Steering Committee meeting. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PRN Presentation to City Council, August 24, 2009: Connie talked to Councilor Harris at the Crawfish Festival, and he said that he has served on the Council for six years and really likes Power Point presentations. Based, in part, on that information, Connie is creating one for the PRN presentation and briefly reviewed the components of it. She was advised that there should be no more than five slides for a three-minute presentation. Doug reminded her of the due date which is today and that an electronic version is required. Connie has talked to Maureen Smith who said that she could submit it on Thursday morning. Frank encouraged her to focus on the big items for these slides and then just discuss the other items on her outline. Jill Anderson and Dayna Kam will participate in the Council presentation with Connie.

Doug requested that Carol create a list for distribution to the focus area leads which shows the due dates for future Council presentations. Connie is also working with Margie on an article for the September edition of the City newsletter. A photo of Connie is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Update and Needs for Newsletter: The second Tualatin Tomorrow insert will be in the September 2009 edition of the City newsletter and focus on PRN. Margie requested additional information for volunteer opportunities from Larry McClure regarding his suggestion to conduct debates at the Heritage Center. Topics are not yet needed – just someone willing to run it.

Update on Annual Report – Presentation to City Council, July 13, 2009: This report was presented by Frank and Candice and included a 20-slide Power Point presentation. The report went well with minimal questions and was accepted by the City Council. We received lots of “thank you’s” for all our hard work. Council was advised that the proposed revisions to the Action Plan document will be forthcoming.

Update - Vision Summary: Due to continued technical/formatting issues, this will now be presented to the City Council for review and approval at their September 28th meeting. Connie inquired why Chris Barhyte’s name appears on the plan. It was clarified that Chris is Councilor Beikman’s backup. Candice requested that committee members review the document and advise Margie by Monday, August 17th if there are any changes, whether in the text of the document or typographical errors. Please email Margie either way. It is vital that this update is correct, as we will be using this Plan for three years. Doug stated that we need the final version by September 2nd to allow him adequate time to write the staff report.

Debrief– Crawfish Festival Parade/Booth: This event went well with our float taking first place in the Crawfish parade. Candice thanked Diane Bonica (who designed the floats), Margie, and the committee who put the wagons together. We had great volunteers including the youth who helped to staff our booth. 100 buttons were made that day. We also solicited some people interested in volunteering, and that information will be passed onto the focus area leads. One young adult is interested in doing some aspect of this work as an eagle scout project. It was suggested that this request be forwarded to Chanda Stone, as she is an excellent resource for working with scouts and maintains a list of approved projects. At the end of the Crawfish Festival, the three wagons were raffled off. Margie will compile a list of things that we might want to do differently in future years including having more candy, securing more help to set up the booth, and designating a photographer to take photos who is not involved in the parade. We gave away all of the Frisbees.

Further Discussion of Event Planning 2009/2010: Committee members were given a copy of the document which was updated based on the review at our July meeting. We are trimming activities to focus mainly on quality events including the Partner luncheon in January 2010, sponsorship of the February Chamber luncheon, April Health and Safety Fair and the annual event in May. Steering Committee members were encouraged to think about the Partner Survey. It will be distributed much earlier than last year. We will further discuss this at the VIC meeting next month and have it done by November.

Focus Area Leads Reports: Frank announced that these reports will now be limited to three minutes per area.

TTC: Bethany Wurtz is not officially joining Tualatin Tomorrow until September.

ACE: Larry reported that the grand opening of the VFW is scheduled for August 26th. This also creates new space to use for meetings. Willowbrook will be celebrating its 29th anniversary. While this program experienced low enrollment due to the economy, it is still going strong. Artsplash was a success in spite of the hot weather. This weekend there is a free theater program on the patio at the Heritage Center. We are also looking at options involving programs with the New Horizon School in Tualatin.

GLC: Ed announced that the Chamber is reinstating its Government Affairs Committee which will look at local, regional, and state activities that are going on and how they affect businesses in the community. A good group of people have agreed to serve on this committee.

HSS: Jay attended a meeting at Rolling Hills Church on homelessness and the role that the interfaith community can play to help support Rolling Hills. There will again be a homeless shelter which will open on days of extreme high or low temperatures. This program still does not have much support from other churches. The Food Pantry needs volunteers on August 15th to relocate the food to Rolling Hills. Candice and Margie may highlight the relocation of the Food Pantry in the next newsletter insert. The ribbon cutting for the Food Pantry is scheduled for Monday, August 17th at 2 p.m. Frank Atkins wants to get involved, but it has been hard for him to participate due to heat/health issues.

GHT: Beth Roach was not in attendance. No report was provided.

PRN: The Dog Park Committee is on hold pending resolution of issues regarding the proposed location at the north end of the Community Park. A brief update with input from Councilor Beikman was held regarding the formation of an Aquatic Recreation District. The pools at both high schools are used primary by teams and classes with minimal opportunity for use by area residents, and their Board has no intention of changing that. Council voted to support a resolution regarding the formation of the district, although two members voted against it. If this district is approved by the voters in Tualatin, there would be a permanent taxation to all homeowners. This issue goes against Tualatin Tomorrow goals in this area. If the pool were to close and the water removed, at some point the pool would be ruined and have to be demolished. No city wants to get to point, and we would have to “jump through a lot of hoops” to build another pool. If an Aquatic District is approved by the voters, it creates a new governmental body, and residents would be taxed forever without us having use of the facility.

Chamber of Commerce: Kelly reported that the Crawfish Festival was very successful, and they are still crunching numbers.

City of Tualatin: Doug provided a brief overview of the many activities the City is currently engaged in. This includes the reactivation of the SW Concept Plan, redoing the scope of work for the Town Center Plan, and working on the final design for the SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road Landscaping Project. 34 comment cards were completed at the Crawfish Festival were three design options were displayed. An open house will be scheduled next month. The Grand Hotel will be opening soon. Dick's Sporting Goods will be opening in the building formerly occupied by Joe's. New fencing regulations have been approved. The third phase of

tree preservation is underway. Later this year staff will review historic regulations for presentation to Council. Urban/rural reserves continues to be a hot topic with a major hearing scheduled for August 20th in Hillsboro. Reports will be generated by Metro in mid-September.

ACTIONS

Any Needed Actions on Above Items: Frank reiterated the need for submission of Power Point materials and handouts 12 days prior to the focus area updates at Council meetings.

Larry and Beth will submit any information for the upcoming newsletter materials to Margie by Monday, August 17th.

All Focus Area leads will review their respective areas of the action plan by end of business Monday and advise Margie via email if there are any changes or if the material is correct as written.

Jay requested that when sending out emails that require a reply, don't hit the "reply to all" button unless absolutely necessary. Send the message only to the author. Ed commented that you can edit out all the text below the last email message if it isn't pertinent to the current email.

In addition to the information provided above, Doug stated that we are awaiting an update to Metro's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that may include the extension of SW 124th Avenue south to I-5. Council has approved the installation of quiet zones/wayside horns to deal with the issue of noise from WES. A variety of funding sources may be involved including federal stimulus dollars and urban renewal funds.

At the last City Council meeting, Victoria Eggleston, volunteer coordinator, provided an update on volunteer hours. This number is very significant, and Doug reminded all committee members to log in your hours. If you encounter any problems with the Volgistics program, please let us know and we'll assist.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Lipscomb is chairman of the citizen-driven Health and Safety Fair which is scheduled for April 17, 2010. The event will follow the same concept as last year but in a shorter time frame (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) They are soliciting donations, and there is a planning meeting this Friday with regular meetings to begin in November.

Councilor Beikman announced that October 7th is National Walk to School Day.

Connie announced that the Saturday evening movies have been well attended.

The Library Advisory Committee is addressing issues with Tualatin residents residing in Clackamas County not being able to utilize either county's library system. A vote will eventually occur to determine if they can be in the Clackamas district. The short term solution is that Washington County is allowing residents to use our facility until we can figure out the long-term solution. The City Council is engaged in discussions to resolve these issues.

Joe Lipscomb announced that the Pohl Center held a new creative arts class – bodacious bras. 17 were made resulting in over \$400 raised for the hospital's breast cancer center.

ANNOUNCEMENT/OTHER ITEMS

None

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Summary Notes prepared by Carol Rutherford, City of Tualatin