

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #6  
August 6, 2019 – Hood River City Hall

**NOTES**

- **Introductions**

- **Kate McBride**, City Councilor / Energy Council
- **Mark Zanmiller**, City Councilor
- **Megan Ramey**, Planning Commission Liaison
- **Janice Bell**, Downtown Business Owner
- **Sean Hallissey**, Downtown Building Owner
- **Brooke Pauly**, Downtown Building/Retail Owner
- **Hannah Ladwig**, Hood River Farmers Market
- **Rachael Fuller**, City of Hood River
- **Laura Garcia-Rangel**, City of Hood River
- **Dustin Nilsen**, City of Hood River
- **Annika Cardwell**, City of Hood River
- **Marbe Cook**, CAT Board of Directors
- *Consultant Team*: Rick Williams (RWC), Anjum Bawa (Fehr & Peers)

- **Approve Meeting 5 Notes**

- **Debrief Open House**

Committee members discussed their perceptions of how the Open House went and gave input into how to address issues and concerns that were raised. Rick Williams presented the Committee with a summary of notes compiled by Pete Collins and William Reynolds from the Open House. Items on the list were reviewed and discussed. The Committee determined that the best course of action would be to continue to listen to input from the community and to stress that no strategies have yet been compiled and/or presented by the consultant for presentation to the Ad Hoc Committee. This will take place at the September meeting, along with an up to date summary of public engagement findings.

- **Fee-in-Lieu Discussion**

Per a request by Councilor Zanmiller at the July 2 Ad Hoc Committee meeting, Rick Williams walked the committee through the City's current fee-in-lieu program then outlined (through a series of questions) three potential options the City could pursue. The three options included:

1. Eliminate fee in-lieu (retool code requirements to observed demand)
2. Corvallis model (no commitment to private sector/low fee –retool code)
3. Revise existing fee-in-lieu in context of package of new funding for parking – commitment to build a garage

The committee came to consensus that they were not ready to eliminate the fee-in-lieu as a potential tool to encourage new development downtown. They would like to move toward a “hybrid” that would combine elements of Option 2 and 3, allowing money to be accumulated to allocate toward a new garage in the future as well as funds to put toward other transportation improvements (transit, bike, walk, new technologies). The committee did stress that regardless of which option is pursued, as successful fee in lieu program will require a much higher commitment to on-street parking management than is currently in place.

Rick Williams will be working with Rachel and Dustin to schedule a City Council workshop and update on fee-in-lieu.

- **Curb space Management and New Technology**

Anjum Bawa (Fehr & Peers) presented White Paper #7, Impacts of Changing Transportation Trends and New Mobility Technologies on Future Parking Demand. Anjum described the changing land scape of mobility across the United States and its potential applicability to Hood River over several time frames. New mobility technologies are affecting a number of areas and include:

- Carsharing
- Ridesharing
- Ridehailing
- Micromobility
- Bikeshare
- Microtransit

Anjum then presented findings from Fehr & Peers Shared Micro-mobility Market Suitability model that estimates the market viability of various new technologies. The model found that most of the new mobility technologies in the “market” are not yet capable of true market feasibility in Hood River, over the next 5 – 7 years without some sort of subsidy. Hood River’s size and density are not yet at a level that would allow such services to be self-sustaining. Nonetheless, the City should be aware of these changing markets and possibly consider partnerships with providers to test and “pilot” programs (particularly in the near term – two to three years). Suggested programs included bikeshare and e-scooters.

- **Next steps:**

Ad Hoc Committee: **Tuesday, September 3 @ 5:30 pm at City Hall**

- First draft of strategy considerations (September 3, 2019, Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #7).
- First draft of Public Outreach Summary (September 3, 2019, Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #7)

- **Adjourn**

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