

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #9
November 5, 2019 – Hood River City Hall

NOTES

- **Introductions**

- **Kate McBride**, City Councilor / Energy Council
- **Mark Zanmiller**, City Councilor
- **Gary Bushman**, Downtown Building Owner
- **Sean Hallissey**, Downtown Building Owner
- **Hannah Ladwig**, Hood River Farmers Market
- **Patty Fink**, Hood River County Transportation District.
- **Megan Ramey**, Planning Commission Liaison
- **Brooke Pauly**, Downtown Building/Retail Owner
- **Claire Bokovoy**, City of Hood River, Intern
- **Laura Garcia-Rangel**, City of Hood River
- **Dustin Nilsen**, City of Hood River
- *Consultant Team: Rick Williams (RWC)*

- **Approve Meeting 8 Notes**

- **Draft Strategy Discussion**

Committee members discussed the initial consultant strategy recommendations from the October 2019 Strategy Summary & Implementation Outline (v4). Committee inputs for inclusion in next version draft for public release include:

- Provide language clarifying the 85% Occupancy Standard.
- Re-phrase language regarding the off-street supply that more clearly emphasizes the size of the supply in private versus public (City) ownership.
- Clarify that Guiding Principle D.1 – Integration with Other Modes – includes pedestrian, bike and transit modes).
- Add a new section preceding Section 4.0, Strategy Summary and Implementation Outline, that summarizes what the parking plan intends to accomplish (i.e., desired outcomes)
- Move Strategy S1-3: Fee-in-Lieu, to the New Capacity (S6) section of the document.
- Make note of how bike parking recommendation(s) in S4-1 will integrate and support on-going bike planning efforts within the City's TSP.
- Emphasize in S4-3, Transit/Shuttles that improvements in transit will reduce auto demand.

- Add language in S4-4, Pedestrian Crossing Treatments, that the City should explore a range of safety and pedestrian amenity improvements (e.g., pedestrian scrambles, signalization, etc.) and to integrate the parking plan in other planning efforts that evaluate pedestrian modes (e.g., Columbia River Highway Trail).

- **Fee-in-Lieu**

The Committee spent some time in a continued discussion related to how to get to a single recommendation for revising the existing fee-in-lieu policy, code and development planning process. It was mentioned that three options were presented to Council by the consultant in a recent City Council work session.

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

Committee members McBride and Zanmiller noted that Council has not come to a consensus on a single direction yet but will work with the consultant to continue the discussion in further work-sessions with the Council. Everyone agrees the existing model is broken/flawed, but now recognize the complexities of how fee-in-lieu works in successful applications that would require more than just the fee itself and the responsibilities and expectations associated with a new fee-in-lieu model.

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

- **Next steps:**

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

- Second draft of strategy considerations
- First draft of in-depth strategy report.

- **Adjourn**