

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



**Comprehensive Plan Review Committee
Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2013 - 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, 1840 Second Street
Columbia City, Oregon 97018**

Members Present:

Scott Jensen, Planner, Port of St. Helens
Karen Ladd, Citizen Member
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder
John Sachs, Citizen Member
Ron Schlumpberger, Citizen Member
Lisa Smith, City Planner
Casey Wheeler, City Council Member
Cheryl Young, Mayor
Sue Ziglinski, Citizen Member

Introductions were made.

Committee Members discussed the need for a diverse commercially zoned downtown area and what it might look like. Members expressed ideas about senior housing similar to the senior community in Rainier or Columbia Hills, assisted living facilities, potential uses for the school property such as a McMenemy's, specialty shops, restaurants, hair salons, bed and breakfast establishments, etc. A conference center, boardwalk, waterfront shops, housing, and access by way of train, cruise ship, ferry, etc. was discussed as an option for the Port property. Mixed use zoning was discussed - possibly along Second Street between L Street and Port, and possibly extending to the river.

The Port of St. Helens is in the process of acquiring grant funds to assist with the development of a feasibility study for the Port property. The project will require a significant investment, and will entail an analysis of existing conditions and site suitability, a market analysis, and development scenarios. The economic development value of maritime activities that the Port property might attract in

terms of family wage jobs and capital investment was discussed. Members discussed the need for industrial diversity and the need to be open to considering changes to our existing industrial zoning regulations. Members discussed a possible expansion of the urban growth boundary to include industrial property to the north of Columbia City.

Committee Members discussed Trestle Beach and the City's interest in acquiring access to it for park development purposes.

Committee Members will review the City's new Vision Statement, as well as the notes from the visioning process. Members will also review the Comprehensive Plan - specifically the Economic Development section and the Goals and Policies and identify changes and updates that are needed as a result of the recent visioning process. Members will share their "vision" of what a downtown looks like in Columbia City with Lisa Smith. Scott Jensen will bring some ideas of what "maritime activities" might look like to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.