

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



Comprehensive Plan Review Committee Meeting Minutes - April 23, 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
Ron Schlumpberger, Citizen Member
Lisa Smith, City Planner
Casey Wheeler, City Council Member
Cheryl Young, Mayor
Sue Ziglinski, Citizen Member

Committee Members discussed their vision for “downtown” in Columbia City. Members spoke highly of the concepts used along Sea Street in Seattle - landscaping and drainage swales, meandering street surfaces, flat curbs, and grouped parking which creates visual interest and slows traffic.

The group discussed the boundaries of the downtown area, suggesting it might begin at “J” Street and extend to “E” Street on the east side of Highway 30. The group will participate in a walking audit on this side of town during their next meeting to gather more information. The group spoke favorably of encouraging home occupations.

Scott provided photos of some examples of maritime uses such as break bulk, autos, grain, shipyard, biomass, and a terminal. He said the Port turned away inquiries for shipbreaking and oil in the past because those uses would not be a good fit for Columbia City. The group discussed the Port site and maritime uses at length.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.