



VISTA VISION TASK FORCE

PORT OF KENNEWICK

AUGUST 18, 2014 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Task Force President Rich Cummins called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bechtel Board Room at the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau located at 7130 West Grandridge Boulevard, Kennewick, Washington 99336.

The following were present:

Board Members: Rich Cummins, President
Don Britain, Vice-President
Carl Adrian
Jim Beaver (Absent)
Chuck Freeman
Traci Jao
Barb Johnson
Lori Mattson
Vicky Monteagudo
Justin Raffa
Steve Simmons
Gary Spanner
Dennis Solensky (Absent)
Derrick Stricker
Kris Watkins
Kirk Williamson

Port Staff: Larry Peterson, Director of Planning & Development
Bridgette Scott, Executive Assistant

Consultant: Michael Mehaffy, Duany Plater-Zyberk (DPZ) & Company

INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Peterson shared the Port of Kennewick Commission's appreciation to the Task Force for the time and effort everyone will spend on this project.

HOUSEKEEPING

A. Brief review of operating procedures.

Mr. Peterson reviewed the By-laws.

B. Election of Secretary

Port staff will prepare and deliver the draft minutes to the Secretary for review prior to distribution. Traci Jao was unanimously selected as Secretary.

VISTA FIELD BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mr. Peterson gave a brief background of the history and ownership of Vista Field.



TASK FORCE PURPOSE

The Port Commission would like the Task Force to help craft the message to the public and be used as a sounding board for the Commission. The Task Force would help provide a variety of perspectives to DPZ and the Commission.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Vista Field Redevelopment Strategy Assessment, Michael Mehaffy Duany, Plater-Zyberk (DPZ)

Mr. Mehaffy reviewed the Draft Development Strategy Assessment.

DISCUSSION

A. V.V.T.F. Members Perspective of the Vista Field Redevelopment Opportunity

The members would like the redevelopment to be complementary to the downtowns and Three Rivers District, as it builds everyone up. Find a distinct economic development opportunity that is region-wide. Perhaps Vista Field will be seen as a mutual space.

The City of Kennewick Traffic Engineer had great idea for connectivity; however, he will need to determine what is logical and reasonable to pursue.

Connectivity and partnership is crucial. Design is important to attract visitors.

B. Places V.V.T.F. members have visited and/or lived that are considered special & why

Germany is pedestrian friendly and very charming.

Chicago, Illinois; Nashville, Tennessee; Louisville, Kentucky; Reston, Virginia (near Washington, D.C.); Boulder, Colorado; Leavenworth, Washington; Bend, Oregon (has a Brew trolley: a 10-14 seat bicycle transportation system); Miami Beach, Florida (Espanola Way)

Needs to be attractive, walkable, have central gathering places, aesthetically pleasing when walking from one place to another, exterior parking, trolley system, mixed-use (apartments above shops) and a quiet main street (20-25 mph).

Members were asked to submit additional places they have visited and/or lived and to describe what makes them special at the next meeting.

C. Individuals, Organizations/Agencies & Projects the Port should engage/consider

The Commission knew no matter how many members the Task Force included, someone would be left out. Although we are not looking to add members, the members were asked to consider who the Port should directly engage with and what information/studies/efforts of other should be considered.



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FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month, from 3-5 pm in the Bechtel Board Room at the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau located at 7130 West Grandridge Boulevard, Kennewick. The next few Vista Vision Task Force meetings are: September 15th, October 20th, and November 17th.

The Pattern Language Process (all day participation) will be held from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, November 10, 2014 and the Master Plan Design Charrette (Drop-in participation - attend as your schedule allows) will be held as follows:

November 12, 2014 from 9:00a - 4:00p, presentation at 6:30p - 8:00p
November 13, 2014 from 9:00a - 4:00p, presentation at 6:30p - 8:00p
November 14, 2014 from 9:00a - 4:00p, presentation at 4:30p - 6:00p
November 15, 2014 from 9:00a - 3:00p, presentation at 4:30p - 6:00p

The Pattern Language, Master Plan Meetings, and presentations will be held at 6600 W. Deschutes Hangar "B", Kennewick.

PUBLIC COMMENT

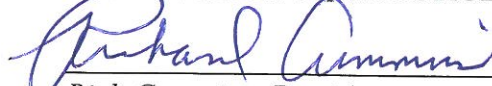
No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to bring before the Task Force; the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

VISTA VISION TASK FORCE


Rich Cummins, President