



VISTA VISION TASK FORCE

PORT OF KENNEWICK

NOVEMBER 17, 2014 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Task Force President Rich Cummins called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 (Absent)
Traci Jao
Barb Johnson
Lori Mattson (Absent)
Vicky Monteagudo
Justin Raffa (Absent)
Steve Simmons (Absent)
Dennis Solensky (Absent)
Gary Spanner (Absent)
Derrick Stricker (Absent)
Kris Watkins
Kirk Williamson

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of Task Force members and citizens in attendance.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2014 MINUTES

MOTION: Kirk Williamson moved for approval of the minutes as presented with the following amendment to the Motion approving to send a letter to the City of Kennewick stating it is the desire of the V.V.T.F. to protect the area from development that would limit the master planning process. The Motion should read “to send a letter to the City of Kennewick and other land owners stating it is the desire of the V.V.T.F. to protect the area from development that would limit the master planning process; Don Britain seconded. With no further discussion, all in favor 9:0. Motion carried unanimously.



PRESENTATIONS

A. Charrette Week (Process and Plan) Mr. Peterson

Mr. Peterson recapped the events of the pattern language and charrette sessions. In attendance were consultants from Duany Plater-Zyberk (DPZ), Integrated Structures, EcoNorthwest, Paramatrix and Crabtree Engineering. The design team engaged with the community and received comments about what they would like to see at the site, and surrounding properties. Mr. Peterson stated approximately 65 to 70 people from all over the community attended the evening meetings and the daily meetings were also well attended. The DPZ conceptual plans and documents will be revised based upon the additional input the Port receives at VistaField@PortofKennewick.org, however, it will not deviate drastically from the potential layout that was presented on November 15, 2014. Mr. Peterson stated DPZ will continue refining the details and hopes to have the draft plan and supporting economics by late January of 2015; however, the Port is not obligated to all the elements in the master plan. The Port did not have any opposition to the redevelopment of the site and heard loud and clear the concepts the community desires.

DISCUSSION

A. *V. V. T. F. members comment on Process and Plan*

Several members and audience members commented on the Pattern Language Process and the week-long Charrette Sessions. The task force covered the following topics:

- Performing Arts Center;
- Overhead Utilities;
- True Pedestrian Zones;
- Water-walk-ways;
- Public Arts;
- Street layout;
- Housing, Retail and Business.

B. *What could have made the planning process better?*

The task force was pleased overall with the Pattern Language Process and the week-long Charrette Sessions and look forward to seeing the rough draft in January of 2015.

Ms. Jao introduced the idea of small sub-groups to focus on larger issues:

- Performing Arts
- Real Estate
- Retail
- Business

Mr. Britain stated the Kennewick Public Facilities District (KPFD) commissioned and adopted a master plan in 2013, which was presented to the City of Kennewick for support. Mr. Britain requested that the KPFD's master plan and the Vista Field Master Plan be available to the task force, so the plans can be discussed side by side.

Mr. Cummins recommended the Executive Committee meet in December to develop a work plan so the task force has a clear sense of what needs to be accomplished in the upcoming months.



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FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

A. No December 2014 Meeting

B. Next meeting January 2014 (date TBD due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on 3rd Monday)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No further comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to bring before the Task Force; the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

APPROVED:

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rich Cummins", written over a horizontal line.

Rich Cummins, President