

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SISTERS CITY COUNCIL
520 E. CASCADE AVENUE
JULY 01, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lon Kellstrom Mayor
Sharlene Weed Councilor
Pat Thompson Councilor
Jerry Bogart Councilor

ABSENT:

Bill Merrill Council President

DESCHUTES COUNTY:

Dennis Luke Commissioner
Tammy Baney Commissioner
Alan Unger Commissioner
Dave Kanner County Administrator
Erik Kropp Deputy Cty. Administrator
Mark Pilliod County Counsel
Peter Gutowsky Principal Planner
Timm Schimke Director of Solid Waste

STAFF PRESENT:

Eileen Stein City Manager
Pauline Hardie Comm Devel Director
Lisa Young Finance Director
Eric Porter Principal Planner
Kathy Nelson City Recorder

ABSENT:

Brad Grimm Public Works Director

GUESTS:

Brad Bailey President HCD
Ron Shearer HCD Manager
Bruce Abernathy Bend LaPine Sch Dist

1. Quarterly Meeting with Deschutes County Commissioners

A. Welcome and Introductions

The joint meeting of the County Commissioners and Sisters City Council was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Mayor Kellstrom and Commissioner Luke. Introductions were made and **Mayor Kellstrom** welcomed County staff and visitors.

B. Visitor Communication

Phyllis Lewis, 69988 Sno Cap Lane, Sisters OR 97759

Ms. Lewis stated she was in attendance to seek support from the City and County for a proposed non-motorized paved eight foot wide pedestrian/bikeway from the intersection of Three Creeks Road to Shevlin Park. She distributed maps and provided a detailed account of the many agencies she has contacted. She stated that all agencies have indicated support of the proposal. She stated the estimated cost to construct the 25 mile path would be \$2.5 to \$3 million. She explained she has reached the end of her ability as an individual to move the effort forward and is seeking support from the people that have the knowledge and authority to make decisions on the project. She commented City and County support will also be necessary to apply for grant funds. It was recommended to her by the Forest Service the following steps be taken:

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- Feasibility Study (estimated cost of \$25,000 to \$60,000)
- Check-in with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) relative to deer winter range concerns
- Have Deschutes County act as the lead in the project and set up an ad-hoc committee to manage the creation of the bike trail

Commissioner Baney complimented Ms. Lewis on the volume of research and outreach she has conducted. She remarked that removing Sizemore Road from the equation makes the project much more feasible and suggested the Deschutes County Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) provide a recommendation to help move the project forward. She offered that the County also has a grant writer on staff that could be utilized.

Ms. Lewis stated it would be a wonderful addition to the region and provide a place for families and handicapped riders to bike safely.

Mayor Kellstrom thanked Ms. Lewis for the incredible amount of work she has completed. He stated the City would support the project any way it could.

C. Sisters Recycle Center Operations

Timm Schimke, Deschutes County Director of Solid Waste stated the County has experienced a 45% reduction in flow to its landfills over the last four years which has caused the County to close two of its facilities on Sundays, reduce hours of operations and cut staff. He stated service of collection centers has been transferred to franchise collectors.

High Country Disposal (HCD) President Brad Bailey provided an overview of a plan for the Sisters Recycling Center which includes providing recycling at the curb for the rural service district, restricting days and hours of operation at the center, looking at ways to reduce the cost of hauling by compaction and utilizing the \$25,000 budgeted for the center by Deschutes County to help offset the cost of operations. He explained there would also be a one-time cost to set up security at the facility. **Councilor Thompson** asked whether it is even cost effective to recycle glass and **Mr. Bailey** reported a State mandate does not allow the glass to be diverted to the landfill. **Manager Stein** stated Public Works Director Grimm, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Schimke are still working to iron out the details on the best possible solution for the recycling center.

D. Changes to Deschutes County 911 Operations

Manager Stein reported the Council approved the Intergovernmental Agreement at its last regular meeting. **Commissioner Luke** remarked the only significant change is that County Administrator Kanner will be managing 911 operations.

E. Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness Update

Commissioner Baney informed the Council that in recognition of the high social and economic cost of homelessness elected regional officials are working with agencies that assist the homeless to craft a local plan to address the issue. She discussed the inefficiency and additional cost of homelessness on social services and stated that is why a *Housing First* approach is being taken. She stated any barriers the City can remove to help solve the problem are important.

Bruce Abernathy of the Bend-LaPine School District thanked Sisters for its participation to date. He stated that solving homelessness is far less expensive than managing homelessness and the basis of the *Housing First* model. He discussed strategies and stated the working group members were looking to identify resources within the community. He stated a town hall meeting will take place across the entire region the evening of July 22nd, with each meeting following the same format. **Manager Stein** stated since July 22nd is a regular meeting of the City Council and the councilors will not be available to participate, the City is showing its support by arranging and paying for the rental of the community room at Sisters Fire Hall. **Commissioner Baney** stated she would facilitate the Sisters meeting that will provide an opportunity for all the community to work together. **Councilor Weed** agreed, stating that currently there is no protocol for dealing with homelessness in Sisters.

F. Destination Resort Mapping Update

Peter Gutowsky, Deschutes County Principal Planner reported the Commissioners held five public hearings on amending destination resort mapping criteria that is used to determine if a property is eligible. **Commissioner Luke** stated that even if a property is identified on the map, it does not necessarily mean it will be developed. He added that with regard to Aspen Lakes, changes in state law would be necessary before the property could be developed. **Councilor Weed** voiced concerns with destination resort developments as it relates to the health of Whychus Creek. **Commissioner Unger** explained that the legislature has created a committee, which includes Deschutes County Community Development Director Lelack, to discuss the eligibility process and the siting process is a component of that discussion. **Mr. Gutowsky** stated the County has tried to create clear criteria as to where a resort can be located.

Councilor Weed asked about a study she'd heard about to study the economic benefit to areas surrounding destination resorts and **Mr. Gutowsky** reported the study was being conducted with assistance from the University of Oregon.

G. Other Business

Manager Stein reported the City was served with a prospective Initiative Petition to repeal its fuel tax.

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H. Adjourn Joint Meeting

Mayor Kellstrom thanked the Commissioner's and County staff for attending the workshop.

Mayor Kellstrom called for a recess at 9:45 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

2. 4th Quarter FY 09/10 Goals Update

Manager Stein directed the Council to the updated 4th quarter report on Council priorities for FY 09/10 and asked for questions. **Councilor Weed** questioned if a fish screen on the Uncle John Ditch will be installed. **Manager Stein** reported she has been in conversation with the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC) to determine if it is in the best interest of the City to install a fish screen or to just change the point of diversion. She stated the City will need to fully consider any consequences before moving forward.

Councilor Weed stated a Council discussion on the Committee for Citizen Involvement and its direction was needed. **Manager Stein** agreed and stated it would be incorporated into the agenda calendar.

3. Preview July 8, 2010 Workshop and Regular Meeting Agenda

Manager Stein provided a preview of the upcoming workshop and meeting.

Manager Stein asked the Council to identify those matters of the greatest priority to discuss before the summer recess. The **Council** determined a discussion on the recycle center, and financial details on water rate increases were matters they would like to discuss prior to the recess. **Manager Stein** stated she would schedule both items for the July 15th workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nelson, City Recorder

Lon Kellstrom, Mayor