

MAP-IT

McLoughlin Area Plan Implementation Team

MEETING SUMMARY

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018

Oak Lodge Water Services Building

14611 SE River Rd, Oak Grove

| COMMITTEE MEMBERS (* attending) | | VISITORS |
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| *Terry Gibson, Chair, | JLCPO | Casey Snoeberger |
| *Joseph Edge, Vice-Chair | OGCC | Jennifer Harding |
| *Jennifer Agard | MABA | Markus Meade |
| *Karen Bjorklund | JLCPO | |
| *Terri Gilreath | MABA | COUNTY STAFF |
| Tea Godfrey | JLCPO | Tracy Moreland |
| *Sandra McLeod-Miller | MABA | Ellen Rogalin, Public & Government Affairs (recorder) |
| *Karen Lotz | MABA | |
| Linda Neumann | JLCPO | |
| *Brad Olson | MABA | |
| *Fred Sawyer | OGCC | |
| Thelma Haggenmiller | MABA | |
| *Valerie Chapman | OGCC | |
| *Ed Gronke, alternate | JLCPO | |

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Terry Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- None

AGENDA REVIEW

Discussion

- Do we need to have officer elections? [Terry: Not until the first meeting of the new year. We'll discuss elections at the November meeting.]
- I'd like the group to discuss sidewalks. It may involve grants. [Terry – We'll put that on the November agenda.]
- December 15 is the deadline to submit ideas to the county for the next long-range planning work program
- Jennings Lodge School doesn't have a Safe Routes to School plan.

MINUTES – The minutes were approved with the following changes: added Thelma Haggenmiller as a visitor, replaced Bobbie Paredes with Valerie Chapman and deleted the Clackamas CPO.

MAP-IT PROJECT AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES (Karen) -- Karen said six top priorities from the MAP-IT goals were agreed to by the Jennings Lodge and Oak Grove CPOs, but few people

volunteered time to work on the first priority, to modify the zoning ordinance on up-zoning and incompatible development. Perhaps during the original dots ranking exercise, we should have asked what projects would put time into. What should our public input process be? What process would the group like to have to involve other people in setting MAP-IT goals?

Discussion

- Ask the community what is accomplishable.
- How do we ask? Now each group's representatives go to their organization to get input and bring it back to MAP-IT. There are other options, like having an advertised meeting.
- The last community meeting I went to was at Putnam High School, sponsored by the county. People are hunkered down trying to get their work done. We don't have anyone knocking on our MABA door asking to volunteer. Things only work with consultants, like the Milwaukie Park open house and the ParkRose plan.
- We could have a web-based survey hosted by the county with a postcard mailing.
- Perhaps we could have a handout at the light rail station.
- There isn't funding to get a lot of things done. I've seen the CPOs grow, find a sense of community and bring in new people. We've done street lighting, and we're getting contiguous sidewalks. It's important to keep working. The next step should be realistic. We need projects or programs that are inspiring; maybe MABA could donate a few dollars.
- What would success look like for those top six priorities?
- When a property is purchased in this area, the buyer has to go to the county, get permits, go to the water district, etc., but there is no method to let the community know that it's in process. The CPO board members know. We should have a record of what's happening and what stages things are in that people can see.
- There is a mechanism. The water district sends a list of projects to the CPOs before the county even sends a notification. County notification also goes to residents within 150 feet.
- For last six months, MAP-IT ceased to exist and a small group focused on the Park Ave project. If MAP-IT wants to be an organization that matters, it has to take the trouble to make itself heard. I thought by now we would be setting up a celebration and taking credit for the street lights. There are a lot of other things MAP-IT could be doing that require the involvement of the business community.
- There's a need to celebrate what has happened. Things go slowly when there isn't a lot of money, but you need to celebrate along the way. Yes, it took years, but we're making progress. We need to get out the word that we did pay attention to the dots people put on the wall. We need to do a survey to ask people what are you interested in that you would be willing to put time into?
- It's good to celebrate, but also good to tie celebrations into future plans. We have some ideas – a web survey, a postcard mailing, researching what's practical and possible.
- My vision of the boulevard includes sidewalks (which will probably be coming from ODOT), streetlights (which we have) and street trees. The question for the business community is if that's of interest to them.
- We have a MABA meeting coming up – what question should we ask?
- Would the business community like to have a landscape plan for McLoughlin Boulevard, including primary street trees, and would they have some money to help make it happen?

- That would be a lovely community project. If businesses could help locate where trees could go, the community could help with the planting.
- I like all these ideas. We need a simple sign that welcomes people to our community. Street lighting and sidewalks are good. We missed our opportunity at the Trolley Trail party – there were lots of booths there. If we're going to do a survey, let's have our booth stand out. MABA could help fund it. We have the same people at meetings all the time with a bunch of government staff. We need a real community meeting with people who come to the Trolley Fest. Shut it down for one hour with a speaker and magic markers and ask people for their ideas and their contact information. We need to bring out new community people.
- Great idea. We need diverse involvement. Everyone had fun at the Trolley Fest. It was well attended, but there could be more.
- We now have three ideas and we could do all three – a community party to have a conversation; which projects are most practical; web survey/postcard mailing. We could ask the county about the survey – we might be able to use some of our money if it's something that brings the community together. First, we need to look at what is practical.
- An event has to be a means to an end, not just an event in isolation.
- It's also about letting the community know that what they wanted when they put MAP-IT together has not been forgotten. Things they want are still coming. We need to show benchmarks we have met.
- I love all of this. Should there be notification about MAP-IT meetings in the community? I would love something consistent where people could stop by, can drop in and get questions answered. People don't know who is responsible for the lights and the sidewalks.

MAP-IT MEETING PLANNING PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES (Karen)

Discussion

- For the next six months, we'll probably meet monthly because of the Park Ave. grant.
- We could meet quarterly and add more meetings as needed.
- We used to have active subcommittees and built the agenda around their reports. That could happen again if we have active subcommittees.
- I thought we were committing to at least a quarterly meeting.
- We come together because we're talking about our community and what we want it to be. Just mailing in reports is not how you build community. What's unique about coming together is that we're two CPOs and the business community, and we need to continue to develop the relationships between the entities that make up MAP-IT. I suggest we meet a minimum of every other month to talk about implementing what we told the community we'd implement.
- Every other month is minimal, and if we have something to do, we need to meet more.
- We went seven months without meeting because we were just having a lot of talk. We voted, but what did we really do? We have serious issues with people on McLoughlin -- that's the blight that's not being talked about. We need entrepreneurs to come into our community and not have an abandoned Safeway. Where are all the new residents going to buy their groceries?
- There are some holes in the MAP-IT program.
- I'll come every other month if there are good agendas.

- MAP-IT doesn't have to provide all the human power to make things happen.
- I like the passion I'm seeing tonight. I'd commit to every other month.
- I don't want to sit if nothing happens, but if something's going on, I'm all for it.
- I'm only coming to a meeting if there's something going on, if there's something to do. If there was a task force on drugs and homelessness that was going to do something, I'd be there, but you have to have the will of the government to do it.
- The county has some money to do some stuff related to homelessness.
- It sounds like we agree to meet every other month and take action/develop relationships.
- We have had results. Basically all six of our priorities are on the county's list of things to focus on, at least partially. But we're not doing it all ourselves—we push it with the people who can actually do something. We got the Park Ave grant; North Clackamas Parks is doing things in our community, and ZDO amendments that we care about are on the planning work program. We've been accomplishing things, but they're not all tangible like sidewalks and streetlights – they're planning efforts. We need to look at the remaining 48 projects and determine what we can do ourselves and what we need to ask others to prioritize.

ROLE OF MAP-IT WITH PARK AVE PROJECT -- Ellen reviewed the status of the project. Project Management Team 2 (PMT 2) conducted interviews and recommended the selection of one consultant team. County and Metro staff are working out the contract details with the selected team. Ellen suggested MAP-IT wait until the negotiations conclude and then invite the consultants to the next MAP-IT meeting. At that time discussion could take place on the role of MAP-IT in Phase 1 of the project. The group expressed general support for the recommendation.

NEXT MAP-IT MEETING -- Terry said Joseph has a continuing conflict on MAP-IT meeting nights, so he'd like the group to look at a different meeting night. The group agreed to hold the next meeting Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 6-8 p.m. and probably not again after that until January. Members will be asked to review MAP priorities, which will be sent to the group in advance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jennifer Harding – I have more trust after tonight's meeting. There was good discussion and everyone had a chance to talk. In response to some of the comments earlier, I want to say that MAP-IT people have been doing things. There is a huge park being built, and MABA has a website and is meeting this month. We're working again on the temporary signs issue, sidewalks have been built and new street lights have been installed. I feel good.
- Markus Mead – As a professional land use planner, it seems to me you are essentially doing a corridor plan and what you're experiencing is typical for a corridor group. You have an intent to do something and you're not sure what it is. Perhaps it would be helpful to select something that resonates with you right now – e.g., safety – and something that you want to get done in the short-term and the long-term.

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