

MAP-IT

McLoughlin Area Plan Implementation Team

MEETING SUMMARY

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Oak Lodge Water Services Building
14611 SE River Rd, Oak Grove

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (* attending)		VISITORS	
*Terry Gibson, Chair,	JLCPO	Ed Cranston	Nate Ember
Joseph Edge, Vice-Chair	OGCC	Lynn Fisher	Thelma Haggemiller
*Jennifer Agard	MABA	Jennifer Harding	Markus Meade
*Karen Bjorklund	JLCPO	Tracy Moreland	Carol Powers
*Terri Gilreath	MABA	Charlie Stephens	
Tea Godfrey	JLCPO		
Eleanore Hunter	OGCC		
Cyndi Lewis-Wolfram	CCPO		
*Karen Lotz	MABA	COUNTY STAFF	
*Linda Neumann	JLCPO	Ellen Rogalin, Public & Government Affairs (recorder)	
*Brad Olson	MABA		
*Bobbie Paredes	OGCC		
*Fred Sawyer	OGCC		
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*Valerie Chapman, alternate	OGCC		
*Ed Gronke, alternate	JLCPO		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Terry Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MINUTES: Karen asked that the three proposals that had been sent to members in advance of the January 2 meeting be referred to in the minutes. Ellen will make that change. The group unanimously approved the minutes otherwise.

METRO 2040 GRANT AWARD; MAP-IT REORGANIZATION (Karen Bjorklund)

Karen said she had been meeting with Terry Gibson, John Southgate (the County's Park Avenue Project Manager) and Joseph Edge to come up with at least three ways to involve people from the project area on the Project Management Team (PMT). However, at a public session this morning the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) talked about MAP-IT recognition. They were very concerned that MAP-IT is not at full strength and put further grant work on hold until

that changes. At the same time, they want to reach out to people in the project area to let them know about the project and invite them to participate. The county is sending out a postcard from Terry and John, scheduled to go out this week, to all addresses in the project area.

In the meantime, various conversations were going on with members of the McLoughlin Area Business Alliance (MABA). Ed Gronke talked with Jennifer Harding, and Baldwin VanderBijl, Oak Grove Community Council Chair and Karen met with MABA leadership. The commissioners were concerned because they were going to put the grant on hold until this was resolved, so they wanted to fast-track the process. Commission Chair Jim Bernard and Commissioner Paul Savas asked us to come and talk with them.

This morning the county's Public & Government Affairs Director, Gary Schmidt, proposed, and the BCC approved, that leaders of the MAP-IT member organizations should come together to create a partnership agreement, bylaws and code of conduct for MAP-IT. Jim Bernard set March 6 as the deadline for the agreements. We're scrambling to get that going. I've contacted Jennings Lodge CPO people; Oak Grove and MABA will reach out to their people; I've put out a NextDoor post to try to involve Clackamas CPO members, emailed former member Pat Russell and am trying to reach CPO president Cyndi Lewis-Wolfram.

Karen handed out a synopsis of the BCC action that morning and asked people to give their feedback to their CPO or MABA chair. She noted that the agreements are between the four organizations – 3 CPOs and MABA – and do not have to be approved by MAP-IT. They do go to the BCC for approval on March 6.

Discussion

- I'm relieved that tomorrow's PMT meeting has been cancelled. I suggest that future meetings not be set at 4:30 p.m. because that excludes a lot of people, e.g., business people and perhaps others. I recommend a meeting time of 6 p.m.
- For bylaws, consider that requiring monthly meetings is over the top, especially if not much is happening. Maybe have required meetings four times per year with additional meetings as needed.
- The map includes a portion of the city of Milwaukie. There's no representation from Milwaukie, so if they're in the plan, why aren't they included? [Ellen -- The project will be using the same map that was used during the earlier Park Avenue light rail station area study several years ago.]
- When MAP-IT was formed, we had bylaws, and membership and all those things. Why does it need to change now? Do we need something much different than we had before? [Karen -- There is no formal partnership agreement or any bylaws. The BCC is asking all advisory boards to have up-to-date bylaws. If we were businesses, we would have an agreement on how we would work together, what happens if someone wants to leave, how we can we keep things going, etc. We're going to cover all those aspects.]
- I suggest you communicate with people in ways other than just on the internet – go to schools, parent organizations, etc. There are people who don't use social media. [Karen -- Our next of outreach would be sending home flyers with students if we could, but we need to do something fast.]
- The original documents are in minutes of earlier MAP-IT meetings, and Ellen Rogalin put an overview together about a year ago.

- The audio tape of this morning's BCC meeting should be online now, if you want to listen to the discussion.
- In emails going back and forth, there seems to be agreement on adding people to the PMT -- Nathan and Valerie and others. [Terry -- That's been put on the back burner for now, based on the BCC action this morning. Everyone who gets the postcard will have the chance to volunteer.]
- At some point we were asked that at least 51% of PMT members be from the project area. Is that still the case? [Karen -- That wasn't discussed this morning. No parameters were set for the PMT this morning.] [Terry -- Commissioner Paul Savas has said he knows of people waiting to be contacted -- it would be helpful if we could get those names. I'll send him an email.]
- Is the PMT working as a subcommittee of MAP-IT? [Terry -- Yes, it is officially a subcommittee of MAP-IT. MAP-IT will be funding and hosting the project.]
- The Jennings Lodge and Oak Grove CPOs will consider the partnership agreement at their February meetings.
- In the partnership agreement, what happens if Clackamas CPO isn't active a more? [Karen -- I asked Gary Schmidt about that. We're doing the outreach, we're trying to get someone involved; if it doesn't work, then the three organizations proceed without them.]

CONCORD COMPLEX

Terry, who is on the stakeholder group, asked if MAP-IT should get more involved.

Discussion

- At the last meeting Ed Gronke said we're trying to do too much and we should step back from things that are already moving along. I agree. We should interact individually as we have.
- I'm hoping that our partnership agreement will have one or two purpose statements so that we know what our parameters are for this kind of thing.

EVENTS

- North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council is placing the trees it collected in January at Spring Park's Elk Rock Island on February 24; planting trees on Feb. 24.
- Historic Downtown Oak Grove is hosting a presentation on the National Main Street America program at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 15 at the United Methodist Church
- MABA had an event a couple of months ago with Sara McClurg from the Sheriff's Office.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fred -- There are huge amounts of traffic between Park Avenue and Oak Grove Blvd every afternoon. I've been wondering about a solution to that. Years ago I went to meetings about Metro's high-capacity transit plan, with three routes in Clackamas County: light-rail from Clackamas Town Center to Oregon City, down McLoughlin to Oregon City, and Clackamas Town Center to Washington Square. My first idea was to do a bus lane right turn lane like on 82nd Avenue northbound. We could be next if we wanted to be, but we probably don't want typical light rail down the center of the highway. But a third lane -- light rail, right-turn lane, with a median and keeping all the driveways -- that might work for us and address the congestion.

These things take 10 years or more to happen. After the region decides what to do on the Southwest Corridor in the next year or two, we should look at this.

Fred – There was a pedestrian fatality a couple of weeks ago on McLoughlin Boulevard between Jennings and Boardman. The street lighting contractor will be selected by the end of March, with construction beginning in April and finishing in May. They left out light poles north of Park Avenue. I'll be in touch with Wendi Coryell at the Street Lighting District about it.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Nate Ember – I'm an Oak Grove CPO and Oak Lodge Legacy member. A few of us are actually the grant writers for the grant, along with our county partners. I'm disturbed about the point we're at today. We conceived a grant, we partnered with MAP-IT and county. Streetlights set the stage for the great collaboration. We wrote in the grant that there would be a robust public outreach and involvement process that would bring everybody together and reach out to people who aren't at the usual meetings. Apparently citizens or land owners or businesses got worried that they were being left out of the process, and they let the BCC know, which makes us look like a very disorganized community. We're actually a very organized community that wants to increase economic potential of McLoughlin and not displace any businesses or residents. But I'm concerned that people are worried and think we need to expand the PMT. That just confuses things. I'm super-confused that BCC wants to throw open the PMT to everybody – that's just the grant detail, nuts and bolts committee. I would advocate that MAP-IT let the county know that we're organized, that we don't want to throw everybody into the PMT. The grant is already written, so our parameters are set. We want everyone involved, but in the appropriate place. We all care about our community and care what happens and need to trust each other. The best place to play that out is through the public process with the facilitators. [Terri Gilreath – The postcard doesn't ask for a large group of people for the PMT, but actually is readying people to volunteer for the CAC. MABA would like to have representation on the PMT and that's already in place.]
- Ed Gronke –I've worked with governments for many years, and one thing which is most frustrating for people not in government is to realize that in government, especially in Oregon, things take a long time. One has to learn to be very patient. I'm constantly reminded how much more open Oregon is in encouraging citizen participation. Unfortunately, your vision of the PMT is not shared by members of the Planning Dept. I asked who would make decisions at the PMT meeting last week, and the answer that stuck with me is the one from the Planning Department representative saying that the PMT will make all the decisions. If that's the case, I can see why people are worried. I still want to know what exact role the PMT will play. In MAP I and MAP II, the committee made the final decisions. We got recommendations from the consultant, but the MAP committee didn't always agree. I think the PMT will play the same role as MAP in I and II, and if there are conflicting opinions presented, the consultant will advise, but the PMT may or may not agree with the consultant. That's why I think more people should added to the PMT.
- Thelma Haggemiller – People don't know what role the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will have in the process or how the members of the CAC will be

selected. My understanding is the CAC would be like MAP committee and the PMT would keep the trains running on time. The PMT is about managing the contract.

- Nate Ember – That still has to be clarified. I'm not sure who makes the final decision. [Terry -- Opening up the PMT gives the impression it's not just an exclusive small group of people. CAC will be a larger, loose group a sends things to the Planning Commission and BCC for approval. I asked that all PMT meetings take place in public, in the grant zone and at the convenience of the people in the area. I also asked that this card go out now to get people aware and involved. The county acquiesced on all those things.]
- Karen – John Southgate and I made a list of questions to be answered, then we scoured the grant application for answers. Most answers aren't there. What was there was that Karen Buehrig and Lorraine Gonzales would oversee the PMT and consultant work. The PMT does continue throughout the grant. There's no information on what the PMT does, no CAC (technical and public advisory groups, instead); JLCPO, OGCC and MABA are all in there, but it's pretty vague. Evaluation is also in the application. [Terry – All of those things will be addressed in the IGA between Metro and the county.]
- Jennifer Harding – We're happy to be back and hope it all works out. Sandra McLeod wasn't able to be here tonight. For the PMT, we would send Sandra to represent MABA and the businesses; we also assumed there would be an advisory group. The Board of County Commissioners makes the final decision on the consultant that is chosen. Clackamas CPO needs to stay involved – PGA Director made that quite clear. The citizen organizations are strong; it's time to move on and make it happen.

ADJOURN – 7:45 p.m.