

MINUTES

Joint Planning Commissions
Springfield and Lane County
Regular Session
Springfield Library Meeting Room
225 5th Street, Springfield, OR 97477

September 21, 2004
6 p.m.

PRESENT: Steve Moe, Chair; William Carpenter, Vice Chair; Lee Beyer, Gayle Decker, David Cole, Frank Cross, Springfield Planning Commission members; Juanita Kirkham, Chair; Steve Dignam, Vice Chair; James Carmichael, Marian Esty, Mark Herbert, Lane County Planning Commission members; Greg Mott, Bill Grile, Gary McKenney, City of Springfield staff; Joe Leahy, City of Springfield Attorney; Kent Howe, Stephanie Schulz, Lane County staff, Lane County staff; Rebecca Gershow, Greg Hyde, Bob Keefer, Willamalane Park & Recreation District staff.

ABSENT: Greg Shaver, Springfield Planning Commission member; Ed Becker, Jacque Betz, Lane County Planning Commission members.

Commissioner Moe called the meeting of the Springfield Planning Commission to order and opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Kirkham called the meeting of the Lane County Planning Commission to order and opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Moe postponed approval of minutes for the Springfield Planning Commission to the next meeting without objection.

Commissioner Moe asked for declarations of conflict of interest or ex parte contacts. There were none.

Commissioner Kirkham asked for declarations of conflict of interest or ex parte contacts. There were none.

1. Legislative Public Hearing – Willamalane Comprehensive Plan

Greg. Mott, City of Springfield Planning Manager, stated that the matter before the commissions was a public hearing to consider the proposed Willamalane Park & Recreation District Comprehensive Plan. He said the plan would implement certain policies of the Metropolitan Comprehensive Plan (Metro Plan) and the commissions were required to find consistency between Willamalane's plan and the Metro Plan that it implemented. He noted that adoption of the Willamalane plan did not require amendment of the Metro Plan. He said that the requirement was that the Willamalane plan be consistent with any applicable State law, State administrative rules, or Statewide planning goals. He said that the agenda packet materials, which contained relevant findings, and the record of the work session preceding the hearing, would be part of the record established for the commissions' action and be provided to the Springfield City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners for their consideration as part of the adoption of the plan. He said that Lane County was involved because part of Willamalane's plan affected

property outside of the Springfield city limits and within the urban growth boundary (UGB) and implemented certain elements of the Springfield and Lane County codes.

Commissioner Carpenter noted that Eugene had elected not to participate in adoption of the plan and asked if there was any portion of the Willamalane district that included the City of Eugene. Ms. Gershow illustrated on a map a small section that was within the Eugene UGB.

Mr. Mott said the Metro Plan required that all jurisdictions received a referral of any refinement plan and could choose to participate in the decision-making process; the City of Eugene chose not to participate.

Commissioner Moe called for public testimony.

Blake Hastings, 637 B Street, Springfield, chair of the Willamalane Park & Recreation District board, spoke in support of the plan. He said the planning process established public trust and the plan would serve the public needs, facilitate applications for grant funding, and was respectful of private property rights. He urged a recommendation to adopt the plan.

Bill Bowers, 1177 Delrose Drive, Springfield, a teacher in the Springfield School District, spoke in support of adoption of the plan. He said he represented the north Springfield area on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and commended the planning process and public participation. He said the plan reflected Springfield community views and asked the commissions to recommend adoption.

Commissioner Decker asked if the same planning process would have been followed if there was no requirement to coordinate with the Metro Plan. Mr. Hyde replied that it was important to Willamalane that the plan belong to the community and involve key stakeholders in the planning process from the beginning.

Mr. Bowers stated that the 12-member planning committee did a good job of creating opportunities for public input and staff and the consulting firm made those opportunities available to anyone wishing to provide input.

Bonnie Ullman, 3350 Oriole Street, Springfield, said she also participated in the CAC and it was a privilege to be a part of the development process. She said she fully supported the plan and expressed her thanks for the great job done by Willamalane staff and the consulting firm of MIG. She said the planning process was inclusive and the plan was comprehensive and achievable. She urged a recommendation of adoption.

Mr. Mott submitted a letter from **Roy Burling** in support of the plan.

Willamalane Planner Rebecca Gershow stated that Willamalane was identified in the Metro Plan as the park and recreation service provider for Springfield and its urbanizable area. She said an intergovernmental agreement between the City and Willamalane required that the two agencies collaborate in planning for parks, recreation, and open space and designated Willamalane as responsible for preparing and updating a park and recreation comprehensive plan, which would be adopted as a refinement to the Metro Plan. She summarized the planning process and involvement of key stakeholders, community members, and elected and appointed officials. She asked that the commissions recommend adoption of the plan.

Commissioner Moe closed public testimony for the Springfield Planning Commission.

Commissioner Kirkham closed public testimony for the Lane County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Herbert commented that based on the materials, presentation, and testimony, the plan represented all that was best about a planning process. He said the plan was ambitious, all stakeholders were included, and it had the support of the community.

Commissioner Herbert moved, seconded by Commissioner Esty, that the Lane County Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Willamalane Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Dignam stated he would support the motion because the plan met statewide planning goal #8, Lane Code 10.600-15, and he supported the vision of a recreational bike bath along the Willamette River through Springfield.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Beyer commended the work of the Willamalane team and particularly the citizen involvement component of the planning process.

Commissioner Beyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Decker, that the Springfield Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Willamalane Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moe adjourned the meeting of the Springfield Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kirkham adjourned the meeting of the Lane County Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m.

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