

CITY OF NORTH BEND
CITY COUNCIL WORKSTUDY NOTES
July 25, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Loudenback called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Elwood, Gothelf, Joselyn, Miller, Loudenback and Rosen. Councilmember Heather Koellen was excused.

Staff Present: Mayor Rob McFarland, City Administrator David Miller, Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Mark Rigos, Community and Economic Development Director Rebecca Deming, Communications Manager Bre Keveren and Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Bourlin.

Guests Present: Vinita Sidhu, Sarah Canepa and Clayton Beaudoin from Site Workshop and Fred Young and Erin Ellig from Parametrix.

WH Taylor and Riverfront Park Design

Community and Economic Development Director Rebecca Deming provided background information about the park projects. At the June 27, 2023 Workstudy it was decided it was time to introduce the different designs to the public. Ms. Deming note Site Workshop would be reporting results from the in person open houses and the online survey.

Riverfront Park Presentation: Vinita Sidhu with Site Workshop reviewed the project goals and concept plans for Riverfront Park. The focuses were:

- Preserving the natural character of the park
- Improving access to the park and safety factors
- Visibility by adding interpretive signage, way finding signs in the connective trail system, improving access to the river, and respecting private property

Ms. Sidhu reported 102 online surveys were completed and summarized the overall feedback. Council discussed and asked for clarification about the pedestrian crossing at the Bendigo Blvd. and Park St. intersection. Council indicated they would like the all-way crossing option removed and focus mostly on natural elements with some concepts from the history focus. The pedestrian crossing on Bendigo at the levy trail was discussed.

William H. Taylor Park Presentation: Mr. Beaudoin with Site Workshop discussed what the main topics were for William H. Taylor Park including the following: what direction to take McClellan St. and the trail, Ballarat Ave. change of use, design for the park, and option of potential land acquisition.

Ms. Sidhu reviewed the survey results indicating the top 5 features as:

- Flexible lawn space or plaza space
- Covered outdoor seating
- Splash pad/water play
- Holiday tree
- Native plants

Ms. Sidhu clarified with Council their preferences for William H. Taylor Park as follows:

- Council prefers Ballarat to draw people into the park by changing its use to pedestrian only between E North Bend Way and E McLellan St.
- Include land acquisition in the Master Plan
- If the Train Depot is remodeled include restroom access from interior
- Move the Train Depot only if it would add an additional 10 or more parking spaces
- Refer the decision about whether to remodel or move the Train Depot to the Parks Commission

The meeting was recessed at 8:17 p.m. for a 3 minute break.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:21 p.m.

NB Way Complete Streets Corridor Plan

Community and Economic Development Director Rebecca Deming reviewed the amendment to the Parametrix contract from April 2023 to expand the scope of services to include additional public outreach. As part of the outreach the City and Parametrix held two open houses and an online survey. The survey was also advertised through social media.

Fred Young with Parametrix reviewed the 10 open house display boards, the key survey results and then reviewed each of the segments along with additional survey results. Mr. Young and Erin Ellig from Parametrix answered questions about the different segment options. Council selected the preferred alternatives noted below:

- Segment 1 (96 responses received): 1B - One lane each direction, shared use path, large buffer between path and road, no center median
- Segment 2 (114 responses received): 2C – Two lanes; parking on both sides, protected bicycle lanes (south side), sidewalks
- Segment 4 (102 responses received): 4C – Two lanes with bike lanes, median with trees where possible, left turns limited, 12 ft. shared use path

- Segment 5 (103 responses received): 5C – Two lanes with bike lanes, median with trees, left turns limited, 12 ft. shared use path, additional landscaping to screen I-90

Mayor McFarland briefly addressed the Council about an upcoming City Council vacancy.

Adjournment

The workstudy closed at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ross Loudenback, Acting Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer Bourlin, Deputy City Clerk