

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

February 21, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Stan Primozich, Mary Starrett, and Richard L. "Rick" Olson.

Staff: Ken Huffer, Desiree Lundeen, Christian Boenisch, and Mikalie Frei.

Guests: Jeb Bladine and Jeff Knapp, WayFinding Committee; Caroline O'Brien, citizen; and Nicole Montesano, News Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Primozich called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Planning Department update - Ken Friday shared that the morale in his office is great, stating that the Planning Department added three new hires about six months ago increasing their workforce about 20%. Mr. Friday shared that the planning department was unusually busy during the months January and February and he is seeing an increase in permit activity.

Visit McMinnville Presentation – Jeff Knapp and Jeb Bladine, representing the WayFinding Committee, presented to the Board their project and plan to create a system that will guide commuters and visitors to and through McMinnville, especially to the downtown district. Mr. Knapp shared that there are 2.3 million dollars in potential funding from Travel Oregon in matching grant funds. He stated WayFinding has already received \$26,000 in commitments towards their \$36,000 goal. Mr. Knapp expressed his desire to create better efficiency with the flow of traffic and create a safer atmosphere for pedestrians and bicyclists. He closed by adding that the WayFinding Committee is looking forward to bringing consistency to the county and adding a safe, efficient flow for all modes of traffic: foot, bike, and car.

* Contracts/Grants – see agenda for details.

* Committees – see agenda for details.

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Crystal Cox
Secretary