

Bundle 220 WRB
PARKS COORDINATION MEETING

November 2, 2012, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

WRB Trailer: Conference Room #1 – 3001 Franklin Blvd., Eugene

Conference Call Number: 1-877-226-3629; Code = 13480

MEETING MINUTES

Introductions

- Justin Lanphear – Landscape Architect with Cameron McCarthy. Justin will be designing the north bank area under the WRB and the area between paths at Canoe Canal as well as working on the interpretive areas along the south bank. He is here today to discuss design ideas and get a framework for moving forward.
- Frannie Brindle – Frannie assumed Sonny Chickering’s former position as Area Manager with ODOT when Sonny was promoted to Region Manager. Due to restructuring at ODOT and added workload with his new position, Sonny is stepping back from this project and transitioning his role over to Frannie.

A. Design

a. Phase 2 DE Process

- DESC has met and laid out some framework for landscape design
- Justin Lanphear attended the DESC meeting and was selected provide designs for DESC. These design costs will be paid from the design enhancement budget, so he should be considered similarly to the artists, rather than as a way to research ideas. Justin will focus first on the north bank area of WRB until the design is chosen for Canoe Canal’s north slope and permits and more information is obtained for the south bank area.
- RFP – ODOT worked last week to finalize the language. Douglas Beauchamp provided needed additional information and everything is now ready to go.
- Bundle 3 – there are two Litus designs in this bundle. The “Lifecycle of the Camas Bulb” is a fairly straight forward contract. ODOT will also be buying additional tiles for replacement in the future, if necessary. Litus’ other concept is the Community Involvement and Long-term Ownership Strategy (CILOS). Because this is an activity instead of a material, it is more challenging for ODOT to contract. EPOS has worked with these type of contracts before and has contract language and specifications that they will share with ODOT. EPOS will also be involved in the contract discussions since they will ultimately become responsible for this area. Frannie will coordinate between ODOT and EPOS.
- North Bank WRB – EPOS will have maintenance ownership of this area. This is a big space which could be seen as an attractive nuisance. EPOS sees this area as a passage through, not as an area for people to hang out an extended period. Need to avoid less desirable uses of the area as it is difficult to manage and police activities there. Maintenance will be done by a sweeper and/or hand work done by a work crew. The sweeper will require certain widths and turning radius allowances. Need to minimize areas susceptible to graffiti and vandalism. Consider using effects such as colored concrete, different concrete textures, etc. Keep enhancements close to path. ODOT will be managing any transient concerns and have a limited ability to respond to issues. Goal should be to create an area that is inviting for passers-by but discourages any illegal activity. A more random simple look may be less desirable to vandals. Visibility also deters undesirable activity. Fencing will be added and slope paving will deter camping. Justin

believes it may be possible to get some shade tolerant plants to grow in the area, with the understanding that there are limited resources for their maintenance.

- Canoe Canal – Willamalane will be maintaining this area. Have similar concerns as EPOS, although this is a smaller area. Design needs to be durable and vandal resistant. Art should compliment other pieces in the area. Safety concerns for users. Want to deter area from becoming a skate park or off-roading by bicyclists. Boulder placement could inhibit access between paths.
- The park areas will be an attraction as a viewing area for the bridge as well as for fishing, canoeing, etc. River area should remain the main focus.
- There is a tour after the meeting where attendees will get a better idea of aspects and scale of the area.
- Idea to use grooves or stamping on slope paving. Stamping could be of the bridge logo or name – “Whilamut Passage”.

B. Construction Topics

- General construction progress will be viewed on the tour following this meeting.
- Frog pond – has accumulated some standing water from recent rains per plan. Area has been topsoiled and seeding has been done in some areas. Seeding will complete as weather permits. EPOS to receive a copy of what has been seeded. They may have some seeds/plants to compliment.
- Talking Stone – need to coordinate placement of the new stone with Esther Stutzman and Mark Andrew. Justin will be working on a solution of how to stand up the stone securely. Due to the landfill cap, no digging is allowed. Something will need to be designed to anchor the stone so that it will not topple over. Constructing some sort of rebar base and building up soil around it may be possible. A visual sighting will be done at a later time to determine the best placement for the stone.
- Knickerbocker railing – would be difficult for ODOT to contribute to the repair of the bridge because ODOT is required to bring things up to code if they do anything. It could be possible to privately fundraise for this cause. EWEB is bridge owner, so concerns should be addressed to them.

C. NOA's

- See construction topics – frog pond, talking stone, Knickerbocker

D. Good of the Order

- Next Meeting – scheduled for December 7, 2012, 10:00AM-11:00AM.