

Tualatin Planning Commission

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024 (NOT ADOPTED)

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Beers, Chair
 Janelle Thompson, Vice Chair
 Randall Hledik, Commissioner
 Daniel Bachhuber, Commissioner
 Zach Wimer, Commissioner
 Brittany Valli, Commissioner
 Ursula Kuhn, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Koper, Asst. Community Development Director
 Lindsey Hagerman, Office Coordinator

TPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Chair Beers and Vice Chair Thompson to remain in their roles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the October 18, 2023 minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Presentation of the 2023 Tualatin Planning Commission Annual Report. The Annual Report will be presented to the Tualatin City Council on February 26, 2024.**

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF

- 1. Informational presentation on the ongoing update to the Tualatin Transportation System Plan.**

Steve Koper, Assistant Community Development Director, started his informational presentation. He shared the draft goals created by the existing Tualatin Transportation System Plan (TSP), City Staff input, City Council feedback, and public outreach.

Mr. Koper noted the goals included: Advance our Land Use Vision, Provide a High Quality of Life, Expand Opportunities for Safe Multi-Modal Transportation, Advance Climate and Health Goals, and Invest Wisely.

Commissioner Bachhuber asked if these were new goals. Mr. Koper answered they are new goals but they are based on previous goals.

Mr. Koper discussed the project's public engagement, emphasizing key insights gained from outreach events that shaped the project's goals. He highlighted the survey responses from the participants in these events. He noted concerns included safety enhancement and the expansion of transit service coverage as significant outcomes of the engagement process.

Commissioner Valli asked where the data for participants came from. Mr. Koper explained they were from the survey and the number of events received from the participants.

Commissioner Kuhn asked about the expansion of WES service and the goal of expanding the bus system. Mr. Koper answered the TSP can advocate for polices but cannot necessarily build projects.

Commissioner Valli asked how many participated in survey. Mr. Koper answered 202 participants.

Mr. Koper transitioned to discuss the current road system. He highlighted that Tualatin has several roadways outside the City's ownership.

Chair Beers asked about the shuttle lines that run in Tualatin. Mr. Koper answered there are two lines, a red line, and a blue line. He noted the shuttles pass by Buffalo Wild Wings.

Commissioner Bachhuber inquired about the level of service and the funding required to keep the shuttle running. Mr. Koper answered he would let the Commissioners know after researching the specifics.

Chair Beers asked if there has been any discussion about serving the south end of town and Basalt Creek area.

Commissioner Bachhuber asked what the cost of operation would be for a shuttle to Costco. He would be interested in population density and how transit applies.

Commissioner Kuhn shared her opinion on the best way to use a transit line for Costco area.

Mr. Koper answered there has not yet been a discussion on the topic and it is unclear what will happen in the future. He noted he would provide more information with additional context.

Mr. Koper spoke about the pedestrian crossing system. He discussed how the Tualatin Moving Forward Bond helped residents improve sidewalks and would prioritize keeping them maintained.

Commissioner Bachhuber asked about the total maintenance cost for the sidewalks and where the funding came from for the new sidewalks. Mr. Koper answered that the maintenance is the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Koper noted the funds for the new sidewalks came from a combination of the Urban Renewal Fund, Metro, and ODOT.

Commissioner Hledik shared his opinion on how he thought there was a lot of activity this year.

Mr. Koper showed the pedestrian system crossing map and explained the map is based on how close together crossings are. He noted the Tualatin Moving Forward Bond improved this system in many pedestrian crossings. He spoke about the existing bicycle system network and highlighted the added buffer bike lanes. He stated that Tualatin has a fairly robust system.

Commissioner Hledik asked about how far the new bike path would go. Mr. Koper answered he believed the path would go through Teton Avenue.

Commissioner Kuhn asked if there could be more bike racks at key stores and roadways. Mr. Koper responded that more racks were a great idea and that he would return with additional information.

Mr. Koper moved on to discuss safety collision density. He noted the data was from 2015-2021 and hopefully we would see an improvement. He highlighted opportunities and challenges for our community connections.

Commissioner Hledik spoke about his experience being on the Tualatin Transportation Committee. He shared how he felt the committee is diverse with active members that are thoughtful of others in the community.

Commissioner Kuhn shared she feels information could be highlighted for shuttles through the use of social media.

Commissioner Valli shared her speed concerns and would like more information on how to request speed bumps.

Mr. Koper concluded the informational presentations by providing the next steps to give feedback by January 29, 2024. He noted the good conversations to share and consider from tonight's discussions.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Mr. Koper spoke about upcoming meetings which include a future code update project, which would be brought before the Planning Commission for a recommendation to City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wimer. The motion was seconded by Chair Beers. The Planning Commissioners unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.