

**FAN/Forest Hills Annual Meeting**  
**May 7, 2010**

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**Attendance:** 72 people attended the Annual Meeting at the Adult Community Center.

**Mixer**

Pizza and pastries were available for a nominal amount (to help refresh our treasury so we can continue to be an active Neighborhood Association).

Raffle tickets sold for opportunity to win a beautiful planter box.

**Program**

“Planning for the East End: Foothills, the streetcar, and economic development downtown” presented by: Brant Williams, Economic & Capital Development Director; Bob Galante, Redevelopment Director.

Brant Williams:

Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Study

- When Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) comes out City will make sure there is opportunity for public involvement so we can make the project work for the community.
- City Council supports this project because we need reliable transportation service in this corridor long-term and it encourages the development of Foothills.

Foothills

- It is time for higher value uses in the area that is currently industrial, the last industrial area on this stretch of the river.
- Development will provide better access for our “public body of water.”

Responses to Questions

- Streetcars would be same as the cars currently going to South Waterfront: quiet and electric.
- Funding:
  - Too expensive to relocate the sewage treatment plant.
  - Will fund projects through development fees and tax increment financing (current urban renewal district or additional urban renewal districts).
  - Prefers not to impact existing residents with costs.
- Transit projects have traditionally also included improvements to freeways: e.g. east-side and west-side light rail projects included improvements to I-084 and Hwy 26.
- Currently there are restrictions against converting the right-of-way (along the trolley track) for bike and pedestrian trail.
- Cost benefit when building transit should take into account the cost to upgrade roads if the congestion is not relieved by transit.

- Foothills: public/private partnership; would like to do planning work in conjunction with someone who might have the money to develop the area, for example Williams and Dame who did the Pearl and South Waterfront.
- Costs to widen Hwy 43 even one lane are too high; this and other options were eliminated in earlier study.
- Transit study: now reviewing the numbers to be sure they are as accurate as possible; will be front and center in the DEIS report.
- Trying to increase the overall capacity of the corridor; 300 stall park and ride at Albertsons, 100 stall on east side of Hwy 43.

Bob Galante:

#### Urban Renewal

- Development has included Lake View Village, signalized intersections, new fire station, First Street paving improvements, Millennium Park (about a month to completion of latest phase).
- \$93 million, 1986 to 2029: about halfway there in spending and in the projects we want to do.
- Now focusing on quality of life: good quality construction, more pedestrian friendly, more trees.
- 2004 Plan calls for North Anchor on First Street.
  - Bob is looking at new library there as a great tenant for downtown that will keep assessed value of the properties in downtown rising and provide off-peak use.
  - Doing feasibility study now.
  - Bob's vision: iconic public building that spans across First Street.

#### Responses to Questions

- Bob has no plans for the site of existing library if library were moved – outside urban renewal district.
- Design of new library would involve community: design charrette, committee, etc... like they did for Lake View Village.
- Downtown Redevelopment Director Bob Galante would like to see the library in downtown (urban renewal district) but he may be competing with other locations for the library.
- When City Hall was built, chose the low bid. Millennium Park 1999 was a turning point – now recognizing that the most sustainable way to build is with good quality construction.

#### **Business Meeting**

Polling interest in various fund-raising events:

- FAN Fair (catered picnic in August/September at Rossman Park): not many hands went up.
- Beer and Wine tasting garnered more interest.

Neighborhood association officers:

- Slate approved with no opposition.

Coordinating Committee:

- Maria asked that people commit to coming to at least 7 or 8 meetings.
- Slate approved with no opposition.

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Submitted by Tracey Elliott, Secretary