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QUESTIONNAIRE

NEWPORT URBAN RENEWAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING July 27, 2015

What components of the draft urban renewal plans do you like?

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are there other projects that should be considered?

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

*South Beach urban renewal -
concerned about no left turn
at 32 - why isn't old drive now
movie theater road being used*

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Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us!

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- support for economic opportunity
- removal of urban blight
- paved streets in Agate Beach

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. remove parking on 101 downtown
2. police station on 101 in downtown
3. buy & create more downtown parking on 9th & behind Dier 101

Are there other projects that should be considered?

Police station on 101 downtown. Get it back on the list.

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

The couplet is an exceedingly terrible idea & is not needed!
Traffic on 101 will be improved by removing parking on 101 downtown.
Spend the money on more parking off 101, and removing dreadful
housing tract should be condemned - turn tract into parking!

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I am reserving judgement until I can see
which shell the pea is under ~ ~ ~

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. } infrastructure repair/replace (existing) ~~EVET~~ } Sidewalks
2. } infrastructure new/needed "second" } Storm sewers
3. } transportation to/from North to city center } PAVING -
 ↑ all in Agate Beach -

Are there other projects that should be considered?

Revitalize the movie theatres (the Ark) -
It's the only real Deco building in the "Deco" district -
(↓ no more cute signs or ugly concrete arches...)
LESS paving, more trees -

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

Yes - How much is being spent on "consulting",
"management", "administration" - etc - These costs
are not included

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What components of the draft urban renewal plans do you like?

We need it all!!

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

- 1. Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements*
- 2. Signage & Streetscape Improvements*
- 3. Utilities - Infrastructure & Undergrounding*

Are there other projects that should be considered?

Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements?
Ernest Bloch Heritage Center -
Park & Beach Improvement

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

Keep the public better informed -
Plan for affordable housing - don't push housing costs up.

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What components of the draft urban renewal plans do you like?

"Face lift" for Newport
Improved economics
Utility undergrounding.

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. Parking Improvement
2. Stover Prabhage
3. Intersection realignment

Are there other projects that should be considered?

Continued improvement in crosswalks

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

1) Using 7th St as a shortcut for 101 is a bad idea. Dangerous to run a highway through a hospital campus, trouble for Church on 5th street, trouble for shutting people through the Business district - missing 12 businesses on Newport by going N/S.
2) Why waste \$1/2 million on renovating a billboard?

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Utility undergrounding
Agate Beach Neighborhood Plan

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. Local street right of way improvements
2. Coopered / Highway upgrades
3. Storm drainage improvements

Are there other projects that should be considered?

Add sidewalk & lighting improvements on lot between Best Western and Agate Beach.
Landslide mitigation in west Agate Beach.
~~Burial of power lines~~

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Agate Beach Neighborhood Plan

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What components of the draft urban renewal plans do you like?

the storefront upgrades and use of the empty lots

What 3 projects do you feel ~~are most important?~~

Not like at all?

- 1. Couplet change to 101*
- 2. Not emphasizing affordable/low income housing*
- 3. Taking \$ from social services/schools*

Are there other projects that should be considered?

~~Build up the~~ Invest in the human capital ~~as~~ as much as the economic

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

No couplet of 101!

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Intersection, realignment (e.g. US 101 + 6th St.)
Commercial core area revitalization highway / street upgrades
segrades (e.g. couplet, widening etc.)

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

- Intersection realignment (e.g. US 101 + 6th St.)*
- Commercial core area highway / street upgrades*
- Parking improvements*

Are there other projects that should be considered?

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What components of the draft urban renewal plans do you like?

- create economic opportunity
- neighborhood planning

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. - planning efforts to determine
2. - infrastructure upgrade
- 3.

Are there other projects that should be considered?

- without adequate workforce presence, economic response will be difficult - will need more than infrastructure funds
- move rail guard armory off 1011 airport - a dead inactive use

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

- not all economic development is sustainable or beneficial - what kinds of economic development are you seeking - clean, community oriented, locally owned.

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What components of the draft urban renewal plans do you like?

Investing in the community
Citizen input

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. Housing
 2. Identifying all city properties that could be used.
 3. Replacing ~~situation~~ National Guard property
- Are there other projects that should be considered?
- mult. purpose bldg or farmer's market
 - Aquatic Center
 - More Housing
 - work in Hospital District

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

What couplet could be a model for Newport? Put those on website

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What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. Agate Beach Neighborhood Storm sewers
2. + Street repair before all the spending on
3. public art, benches, store front facades at millions
+ Agate Beach is slated at 100,000 that might
put up a couple of signs

Are there other projects that should be considered?

clean up The Deco District make it one way with
plantings, store front requirements of owardsetk?

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

-the 3 lots that the city is giving to Habitat should
be used for the pool or parking or perhaps to move
the Sr. center to but NOT given to Habitat - other
properties away from downtown would serve them better

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Mention of communication; hope this is more than lip service. Since Agate Beach is footing part of the bill, it should have some say. For example, the neighborhood wanted 55th NW paved as opposed to the wishes of the "city" (rather than 58th)

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are there other projects that should be considered?

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Would like to see parity stated, i.e. how much tax moneys will come from Agate Beach neighborhood versus how much from the US101 corridor.

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IMPROVING THE LOOK (BEAUTY) OF NP, REMOVING BLITE - 101 LOOKS LIKE CONCRETE + METAL - WE NEED MORE TREES + GRASS AREAS LIKE WAI-GREENS HAS.

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. YOU DID NOT LIST THEM
- 2.
- 3.

Are there other projects that should be considered?

CAN WE HAVE A LIST OF THE CURRENT PROJECTS

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

ANY CHANGES TO 101 - NEED TO BE VOTED ON BY ALL OF LINCOLN COUNTY RESIDENTS.

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IMPROVING "DOWNTOWN" AREA

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. DESCRIPTIONS TOO VAGUE TO FORM OPINION

2. _____

3. _____

Are there other projects that should be considered?

THE LACK OF LANDSCAPED BUSINESSES ON 101 IS
DEPRESSING. ALL YOU SEE IS STOREFRONTS AND
CONCRETE

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

ANY RESTRUCTURING OF TRAFFIC FLOW

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EARLIER YOU SAID IT WOULD TAKE MONEY FROM
HOSPITAL

CONCURRENT TERMS

Urban Renewal Questionnaire - 2015

Thank you for contacting the City of Newport - we appreciate the feedback.

Date:	8/3/2015
What components of the draft urban renewal plans do you like?:	<p>I don't like any of it. I don't like that a residential area is included but construction or tectonic upgrade of essential public safety infrastructure such as a firestation for north Newport has been completely ruled out. As is working with ODOT to create a safe way to for the increasing number of people who walk/bicycle along highway 101 between NW 60th and Best Western/Walmart, where a sidewalk begins. There is not even a continuous marked bike lane that runs on either side of that length of 101. Can't work with ODOT on that but CAN work with ODOT and apparently already have on a couplet near the hospital. And by the way, there has already been one "consultant's" report done on a putting in a couplet--because I attended an open house on just that issue years ago. Same route--so why is the city ready to spend more on another "study"? To me, it looks like residential areas on both sides of the highway have been included to utilize the tax dollars. A few streets will be paved and that will be the extent of "urban renewal" for people residing in those areas. Most of the money will go towards the property on the east side of the highway that was REZONED (10 acres) from residential to industrial/commercial use, was clearcut and has, for the most part, just sat there. Now it's been determined to be an economic enterprise zone but that's not enough, now people property taxes have to go to subsidize the construction of some businesses so whoever owns the property now can reap the profits. I don't see how being in this "urban renewal" zone benefits me or my property, I would like to be able to vote to withdraw from the urban renewal zone and think every other residential user should have that right. I think my area of Newport was included solely for the purpose of redirectly property tax dollars to subsidize even more businesses in Newport. I thought businesses were supposed to be contributors to town prosperity--in Newport it seems that they have to be continuously subsidized.</p>
What 3 projects do you feel are most important? 1:	<p>I don't think any of them are, I think building an earthquake resistant fire station would be very important for north Newport</p>
2:	<p>I think making it possible for people to bicycle and walk safely from north Newport into "town" for jobs, schools, shopping, going to the library is extremely important and even though the urban renewal area includes that portion of 101 AND ITS RIGHT OF WAY (unused) that's not on the city's list.</p>
3:	
Are there other projects that should be considered?:	<p>I've listed two projects I feel should be limited. Another project would be to construct a bypass starting at NE 73rd--which was planned years ago. This would enable through traffic to route 20 to bypass Newport, would decrease traffic moving through Newport, decrease the health problems stemming from particulates pollution (from all vehicles, particularly diesel trucks and huge RVs) and noise pollution from the same vehicles, particularly loud pipe vehicles, & vehicles revving and</p>

racing on the highway. Tourists can still drive through, people who are trying to get to route 20 won't. The city's willing to think about a couplet, why not a BYPASS from the north of town to route 20? The current "bypass" that uses Harney is nothing but a series of bottlenecks during school time and probably prevents some children who work be healthier because they'd walk or bicycle to school because of all the traffic traveling by or near 3 schools, Issac Newport, the middle school and the highschool. If Newport is truly interested in planning for expansion, a bypass is essential. It's impossible to have a highway and a main street simultaneously even with the current traffic loads, let alone the amount of traffic I'm sure the city council hopes for. It's also unnecessarily exposing people who live in Newport to high levels of pollution if they live w/in 100-200 feet of 101, let alone people who use 101 for transport by foot or by bicycle. Since the state estimates that 10,000 long distance cyclists use 101 every season, perhaps their potential spending power is worth some consideration. Another would be for the city manager to create a noise abatement plan to protect people in north Newport from low flying aircraft. The city manager can do this unilaterally.

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What components of the draft urban renewal plans do you like?

- Addressing blight
- Addressing lack of affordable housing in Newport, and emphasis on encouraging development of affordable housing options in the central core area.
- Development of public spaces

What 3 projects do you feel are most important?

1. Benches to encourage use of public spaces, and heavy emphasis on development of public spaces in general
2. Major renovation of most buildings in downtown core
3. Incorporating ways to beautify the city along Highway 101 (such as discouraging parking lots that face the highway; increasing multi-use boutique-type stores on ground floor, with affordable housing options on second and third floors.

Are there other projects ISSUES that should be considered?

AVOID couplet as solution to traffic in downtown core (couplets have been shown to destroy downtown core businesses and hamper pedestrian use.)

Is there any other element of the plans on which you would like to provide input?

No details about the envisioned development at McLean Point were provided at the meeting. The McLean Point area is all fill, not solid ground. It's a wildlife nesting area with wetlands, adjacent to a highly inflammable Northwest Natural gas holding tank—not ideal location for major industrial development, even though it may be zoned that way now. Newport's Comprehensive Plan's goal for Yaquina Bay and Estuary is to "recognize and balance the unique economic, social, and environmental values of that area"—and so I'm having trouble melding those aspects, integrating infrastructure and major development into an area unsuited for building anything permanent at all.

From Newport's Comprehensive Plan, Goals and Policies for Yaquina Bay and Estuary:

Policy 3a: to maintain the integrity of the estuarine ecosystem.

Policy 13: Resource Capability Determinations – ...continue to function in a manner to protect significant wildlife habitats, natural biological productivity, and values for scientific research and education. In this context, "protect" means to save or shield from loss, destruction, injury, or for future intended use.

Policy 14: Resource Capability Determinations -- ... and continue to function in a manner which conserves long term renewable resources, natural biologic productivity, recreational and aesthetic values, and aquaculture. In t his context "conserve" means to manage in a matter which avoids wasteful or destructive uses and provides for future availability.

To the City Manager, Mayor Sandra Roumagoux, and City Councilors:

I have concerns about the envisioned infrastructure development at McLean Point as part of an Urban Renewal area.

My understanding is that Urban Renewal is used to address blight through commercial redevelopment due to such issues as urban blight (substandard or unsanitary area where a previously functioning part of a city falls into disrepair and decrepitude. It may feature de-industrialization, depopulation or changing population, restructuring, abandoned buildings, high local unemployment, fragmented families, political disenfranchisement, crime, and a desolate, inhospitable city landscape.) Other urban renewal issues address irregularity of plots, inadequacy of the streets, diversity of land ownership making assemblage of property difficult, incompatibility of existing mixture of residential and industrial property, overcrowding, incidence of crime, lack of sanitation, the drain an area makes on municipal services, fire hazards, traffic congestion and pollution. But I believe McLean Point is entirely outside those parameters.

The McLean Point area is all fill, not solid ground. It's a wildlife nesting area with wetlands, adjacent to Northwest Natural's highly inflammable Liquid Natural Gas holding tank. I do not believe it is an ideal location for major industrial development, even though it may be zoned that way now.

In the past, it was suggested that the area be turned into a park, a place to hold festivals (the Celtic Festival was a potential user because it was better protected than South Beach regarding summer wind), and/or developed into a more official wildlife area, which seems a better fit for the property.

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For the reasons stated above, I ask that the \$5 million on the table to address McLean Point as a target of Newport Urban Renewal plans be scrutinized further.

Thank you for your consideration.