

**City of Newport
City Center Revitalization Planning Committee Minutes
October 25, 2024**

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL, 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT
Time Start: 2:05 P.M. Time End: 4:01 P.M.

ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER	STAFF
Jack Weber (absent)	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Wayne Patterson	Sherrri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Jim Patrick	Rob Murphy, Fire Chief (absent)
Luke Simonsen	Tom Sakaris, Fire Marshall (absent)
Christina Simonsen	Cathey Rigby, Grant Manager (by video)
Laurie Sanders	Anna Iaukea, Urban Renewal Project Manger
Dustin Capri	Nina Vetter, City Manager
Karen Rockwell (by video)	John Fuller, Communication Specialist
Brett Estes (by video)	Jim Hencke, DEA
Rich Belloni	David Berniker, UrbsWorks (by video)
Melony Heim	Brandy Steffen, JLA
Eric Hanneman	David Helton, ODOT (by video)
Rev. Judith Jones (absent, excused)	Emily Picha, ECONorthwest
Dr. Ralph Breitenstein (by video)	Nicole Underwood, ECONorthwest
Timothy Johnson (absent)	Angela Rogge, DEA Inc.
Bob Berman	
Deb Jones (absent)	PUBLIC
Cynthia Jacobi	Jeff Bertuleit
Robert Emond (absent)	Lou Limbrunner
Dennis White (by video)	Marcus Limbrunner

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
<p>COMMITTEE MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>a. Roll Call</p>	None.
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>a. Meeting minutes of City Center Revitalization Planning Committee Meeting on August 23, 2024</p>	Motion by Berman, seconded by Patrick to approve the City Center Revitalization Planning Committee Meeting on August 23, 2024 as written. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.
<p>GAP ANALYSIS</p>	Hencke reviewed the overall redevelopment potential and the barriers for development in the City Center; the vision statement and goals of the redevelopment of the city center; and the ODOT standards and urban best practices for mixed frontages and multi-family frontages.

<p>STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE GAPS</p>	<p>Hencke went over Alternative 1 for a two-way Highway 101 with bikes routed on SW 9th Street.</p> <p>The Committee asked questions on considerations for left turn lanes; adding green spaces, buffer zones and sidewalks; how travel lanes would transition; and bike routes and their connections.</p> <p>Hencke reviewed Alternative 2 for a Highway 101 and SW 9th Street couplet. The Committee discussed routing for traffic; if there was a need to protect turn lanes on a one way couplet; questions on if traffic signals were warranted with ODOT; if bulb outs were a feasible option; the different sections for the couplets; and bike routes for couplets.</p> <p>Hencke went over parking impacts for the two alternatives. Discussions included the parking impact comparison of alternatives; considerations to add parking to wider streets; Farmers' Market opportunities; closing streets for events; considering angled parking instead of parallel; and adding a traffic light at Hurbert and 9th Street.</p> <p>Underwood reviewed the implementation for the Highway 101 corridor and its goals. The Committee discussed opportunities to get protected bike lanes at Moore Drive moving east on Highway 20; widening the west end corridor of Highway 20; funding sources for alternatives; and issues for service deliveries for couplets.</p> <p>Hencke reviewed the evaluation of the couplets and asked the Committee for their thoughts for their preference on alternatives. Committee members expressed an interest in seeing what the public had to say before voting on a preference; discussed their concerns on a short couplet versus a long couplet; and questioned if Urban Renewal funds could be used for a long couplet.</p>
<p>PUBLIC OUTREACH #1</p>	<p>Ms. Berniker gave an overview of the public outreach events that were planned.</p>
<p>CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>Marcus Limbrunner, Newport, thought parking was important for the redevelopment of his restaurant property in the City Center. He suggested options for valet parking for patrons so they could access parking in the back; wanted to see an additional parking lot in the area for the public to access; and thought routing bicyclists away from the couplet would be better for safety and traffic flow.</p>

	<p>Lou Limbrunner, Newport, owned a property in the area. He thought that safety was the main concern and a couplet was the best way to go about addressing it.</p> <p>Jeff Bertuleit, Newport, questioned the quoted costs for rents in the city center area, and the estimated parking spaces. He thought the city should buy parking instead of spending money on couplets.</p>
<p>NEXT STEPS</p>	<p>Capri requested that the a list of pros and cons for the couplets, and information on their funding be shared at the next meeting.</p>

Submitted by: *Sherri Marineau*

Sherri Marineau, Executive Assistant