

**City of Lake Forest Park
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Summary
17425 Ballinger Way NE—Forest Room
October 25, 2011**

Commissioners present: Chair Richard Saunders, Vice Chair George Piano, Mark Phillips, Chuck Paulsen, John Resha, Doug Gochanour, Chuff Barden and Sean Bouffiou.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff and others present: Steve Bennett, Planning Director; Jennifer Franich, Assistant Planner; Catherine Stanford, City Council Liaison; John Owen and Rachel Miller, Consultants; Scott Gochanour, Economic Development Commission; Judy Altman, Community Services Commission co-chair, Evan Farris, Environmental Quality Commission.

Call to order: Chair Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes:

The Planning Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the September 6, 2011 regular meeting. Cmr. Piano moved to adopt the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Phillips and approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Community Services Commissioner Judy Altman asked about the schedule for the Southern Gateway project, and whether the commission representatives should attend all meetings. Chair Saunders said that the hope is that the commissioners will be the liaisons between the Planning Commission and the other commissions.

Old Business:

Southern Gateway Project Update: Schedule Review

Chair Saunders reiterated to the commission that this project is operating under a compressed time frame. He said that a mailing went out to residents and business owners in the area, and postings advertising the Open House event are up in the Lake Forest Park Town Center commons and online. He said that today's meeting will cover preparations for the event Saturday.

John Owen, Consultant, presented the flier. The team could not reserve a room at the Elks for this meeting. Rachel Miller, Consultant, passed out a hard copy of the survey that is up online. She explained that they will be able to track the responses through three different links: one that is on the mailer, one that links from the webpage, and one that is sent out via email. Mr. Owen added that the survey is very short and meant to get a general idea of what people think while sparking interest in the project. Cmr. Piano informed the group that there is an email list for public information that would get the word out to over 1000 citizens of Lake Forest Park. Dir. Bennett said that he would send that out tomorrow. Economic Commissioner Scott Gochanour said that he posted the link to the survey on the LFP facebook page. Chair Saunders said he would follow up with Tony Dondero of Shoreline/LFP Patch as another way to get the information out.

Mr. Owen then directed the Commission's attention to a map of the Southern end of the city to establish the project boundaries. Cmr. Phillips emphasized that he would like to look at a trail connection. Cmr. Piano wanted the boundary to include the single family areas, though changes in zoning to that area are unlikely. Discussion ensued regarding the boundaries of the subarea. The Commission concluded that the area should be greater in scope, including the areas from NE 145th to NE 157th Street, and the lake to 35th

Avenue NE.

Southern Gateway Project Update: Open House No. 1

Mr. Owen reviewed the open house agenda. First, Greg Easton would introduce the economics information to frame what opportunities are available. Then Rachel Miller would present the virtual walking tour, which would include an informal discussion. The values and vision piece and the mapping exercise would come next. These would allow the participants to work with the map as the commissioners record the suggestions and ideas. Mr. Owen said that the commissioners' role would be to facilitate the meeting. They should ask questions of the participants. Representatives from other commissions should participate as citizens.

The Commission discussed the political climate and stressed that the open house should portray that the effort is to engage the community, result in a stronger economy, and build for the future of the city.

Dir. Bennett informed the group that the Elks club would be the location for the next two open house dates. Cmr. Piano noted that the dedication of the Peruvian statue at Animal Acres Park was to be held on Saturday 10/29, and that this may interfere with attendance to the open house.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Reports/Communications/Announcements:

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011.

Adjournment: 8: 36 PM

APPROVED:

Richard Saunders, Chair