

City Manager Wine noted some key activities scheduled for the Council in the near future with regard to the River Terrace Community Plan. One activity has to do with the annexation of two areas. The other activity is the convening of the key stakeholder working group for which Councilor Woodard volunteered to be the Council representative. Ms. Wine said at the staff level, the tasks relating to updating the Master Plan and securing the consultant for a transportation plan update are underway. She said if more reporting is needed on these types of activities, staff can give more updates. In response to a comment from Councilor Buehner, City Manager Wine requested that when people inquire about the status of the River Terrace Community Plan project, they be referred to the project manager, Darren Wyss or to herself. She advised of the communication plan for people interested in this project, which includes sending out letters and maintaining a listserv. She spoke to the importance of maintaining a coordinated communication effort.

Councilor Snider said he heard that Councilor Buehner would like to see more detail on a six-month activities plan for the River Terrace Community Plan.

Council meeting recessed for a few minutes.

Gathering Community Input

Consultant Hertzberg opened the discussion on gathering community input.

Councilor Woodard noted the Council hears from many of the same people much of the time and it Council is only hearing from a fraction of the community. He participated in the National Night Out event and said he found this to be an opportunity to talk to a different crowd of people. He said that when he talks to people in the community, he often finds there is a basic lack of understanding on community issues and noted the need for building awareness. Councilor Buehner noted her past success of walking the neighborhoods and spending time talking to residents about issues.

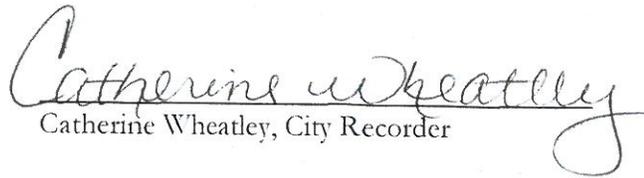
Councilor Woodard offered that perhaps the Neighborhood Networks could offer a local government seminar. Councilor Snider served on Financing Strategies Task Force where the notion of the community list of wants have a price tag and there is a need to find out how much people are willing to pay for their requests for services. One idea suggested was to place a cafeteria plan on the ballot or a town hall where you allow "one-resident, one-vote" and whoever comes to vote will get to participate in selecting the top funding priorities for the city (over and above basic services).

Councilor Buehner talked about a statistically valid survey conducted and noted the outcome on recreation issues. Councilor Woodard again referred to the Neighborhood Networks and how we could use this structure more effectively. Councilor Snider referred to the City of Newport Oregon's practice of dividing the community up into districts and holding meetings within these areas to find out the priorities of the people who live and work in each of the areas.

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Discussion on community engagement was held. An outline of the high points of the discussion is attached (Attachment 2).

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.


Catherine Wheatley, City Recorder

Attest:



Mayor, City of Tigard

Date: 2/5/2013

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