

Willamette Falls

◦ LEGACY PROJECT ◦

PARTNERS GROUP MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2018

*Clackamas County Development Services Building, Auditorium
150 Beaver Creek Road
Oregon City, OR 97045
2-4 P.M.*

Partner Attendees

Oregon City: Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Renate Mengelberg, City Manager Tony Konkol

Metro: Council President Tom Hughes, Metro COO Martha Bennett

County: Commissioner Paul Savas, County Administrator Don Krupp

State: Metro Regional Solutions Coordinator Raihana Ansary, State Parks Deputy Director M.G. Devereux

Absent: Senator Alan Olsen
Representative Mark Meek
Commissioner Martha Schrader

Staff: Brian Moore, Hope Whitney, Melanie Reinert, Carrie Belding, Alex Gilbertson, Lisa Goorjian, Laura Odom, Jonathan Blasher, Ramona Perrault (Metro); Laura Terway, Phil Lewis, Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Kristin Brown (Oregon City); Tracy Moreland, John Southgate, Laura Zentner (Clackamas County); Marcus Sis (State of Oregon)

Public: Shelly Parini (Rediscover the Falls Friends Group), Betsy Heidgerken (Falls Legacy LLC), Mini Sharma-Ogle (PGE), Mat Quigley (PGE), Raymond Rendleman (Oregon City News/Pamplin), other unnamed members of the public

The Q1 2018 Partners meeting followed a Partners executive session and was called to order by meeting chair, Metro Council President Tom Hughes, at 2:05 p.m.

The Partners introduced themselves.

The Partners reordered the agenda to discuss updates on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project first:

- Metro Council President Tom Hughes announced that the Partners have received signed permit applications from the Blue Heron site property's private owner, Falls Legacy LLC.
- Fees and money owed toward the property taxes, utilities and the Metro easement remain outstanding.
 - The Partners are expecting payment in the next 30 days.

- When all outstanding amounts are paid and Falls Legacy LLC is current on its financial responsibilities, the project team can move forward on the Joint Permit Application (JPA) for the federal permits required to move through Section 106 and continue the project.
- The Partners would also like to seek an agreement that the owner will not revoke the permission for the permits at some future date.
- Council President Hughes reiterated that this was the consensus of the Partners at the meeting and asked if there were any additional questions.
- Deputy Director MG Devereux asked for a definition of the timeline, suggesting that Falls Legacy should respond within 30 days.
 - Willamette Falls Legacy Project Manager Brian Moore shared that Falls Legacy had indicated they would take action on payment by the end of April, which is approximately 30 days.
 - Brian expressed his preference that the timeline be set to the end of the calendar month of April to reflect this.
- Deputy Director Devereux asked the Partners Group to clarify whether the project team has permission to proceed.
 - Mayor Dan Holladay suggested the group could provide approval by email, if possible.
 - Council President Hughes asked if the team would be ready to submit the JPA to the Army Corps of Engineers, and the team confirmed this.
 - Council President Hughes agreed that if all stated conditions are met, then project staff have permission to move forward.
 - He noted that if questions arise, there could be a meeting, perhaps by email, to work details out.
 - Legal counsel was requested on the appropriateness of an email meeting.
 - Hope Whitney, legal counsel for Metro shared that there are provisions in the Partners IGA for emergency meetings, conference call-ins, etc.
- Oregon City Manager Tony Konkol noted the Partners sent Falls Legacy LLC a request letter outlining the permit signatures and the need to become current on outstanding balances.
- There was some discussion among the Partners Group on how to guarantee that the owner's signatures will not be revoked at a future date.
 - Legal staff from the Partner entities would need to look at the language to accomplish that and determine if it is possible.
 - Mayor Holladay felt strongly that an assurance the signatures would not be revoked is a requirement from the Partners.
 - Council President Hughes noted that the Partners Group may require an emergency meeting if the owner's other requirements are met, but not the signature assurance, depending on legal counsel's findings.
- Council President Hughes had no other project updates and moved discussion to the CCC Storytelling project.

Rediscover the Falls (RTF) Interim Executive Director Shelly Parini introduced herself and thanked Brian Moore and the Partners Group for their work on the project.

- Shelly shared that she has served as Executive Director of RTF for 18 months, and she is now stepping down at the end of this month.
 - She plans to remain involved with the group and the project going forward.
 - The new Executive Director, Andrew Mason, starts on April 1.
 - Mr. Mason comes from 22 years with the organization Open School and has extensive experience.
- Shelly shared some highlights of the storytelling project underway as a collaborative effort between Clackamas County College, Metro, Clackamas County and RTF.
 - The project is a meaningful community engagement meant to preserve stories for generations to come.
 - Shelly shared four of the video shorts created during the first storytelling workshop, held in February 2018:
 - Greg Archuleta, member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 3:37
 - Mini Sharma-Ogle, PGE archaeologist, 4:20
 - Sandy Carter, community member, member of Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation, 3:39
 - Peter Schwarz, former employee of West Linn Paper, 3:20
- The workshop is free, and there is another session coming in May.
 - Shelly invited the Partners and audience members to call to enroll.
 - Details are also available on the handout distributed to meeting attendees.

There were no further updates from the Partners Group.

ACTION:

- **Legal staff from the Partner entities are directed to research the possibility of preventing the private owner from revoking his permission signatures once given.**
- **The Partners Group expects payment from Falls Legacy LLC on all outstanding fees and bills by April 30, 2018. Once payment is confirmed, the project team may move forward with submitting the permit applications.**
- **If payment is not received, or only some of the requests of Falls Legacy LLC are met, an emergency meeting of the Partners Group may be convened.**

Chair Metro Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.