

PCC Newberg Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes: Feb. 2, 2010

(Attendees: Mayor Bob Andrews, David Beam, Don Clements, Leslie Dotson, Leah Griffith, Lynn Patrick, Paula Radich, Scott Salsberry, Michael Sherwood, Ray Simonsen, Claudia Stewart, Melinda Van Bossuyt, Kate Chester, Linda Gerber, Kurt Simonds, Barb VanAmerongen and Susan Wilson)

- Land acquisition/Facility – Linda Gerber showed an aerial map of the parcel of property purchased, and Mayor Andrews shared copies of a blue print of the property. The bypass remains undetermined; Werth Blvd. will need to be continued but not necessarily as part of Phase I.

The city will discourage “curb cuts” on Brutscher and Fernwood. Mayor Andrews noted that some of the immediate neighbors to the property have e-mailed him with questions and potential concerns about PCC’s plans because of the *Newberg Graphic*’s reporting that the facility will be “at the corner of Brutscher and Fernwood.” Kate Chester asked the mayor to forward the e-mails so that she could contact the neighbors. She also offered to contact the education writer at the *Newberg Graphic* to see about couching the language differently in future articles.

Linda Gerber explained that the architects – Hennebery Eddy – would be designing multiple flexible options for the center’s design. At approximately 12,000 sq. ft., the building will be smaller than the current Newberg Public Library and single story. Other comparisons could be that the new center will be smaller than the public pool – which is just under 16,000 sq. ft. – or the equivalent of three houses.

Leah Griffith offered to have a model of the site displayed at the Newberg Public Library.

- Kate Chester will be planning a meeting with neighbors immediately adjacent to the property (Oak Meadows, Greens, Ladd Hill, assisted living facilities, etc.) with input from David Beam and Mike Gougler, the Werth Family developer.
- Barb VanAmerongen highlighted placement testing that will take place a handful of times from April through August, specifically in reading, writing and math, at Newberg High School. Testing is required because of mandatory pre-requisites for some courses to be offered this fall.
- Barb VanAmerongen passed out copies of the course offerings for fall 2010. 100-level courses to be offered count toward transfer degrees. Courses below 100-level are pre-college level courses. Writing 121 counts for dual credit between Newberg High School and PCC. PCC’s pre-requisite policy: if students don’t place high enough for Writing 121 or Math 60, they need to enroll in prep classes before they can enroll in certain courses.
- To be “in the black,” Barb VanAmerongen estimates that PCC will need approximately 13 students per course.
- Barb VanAmerongen and Community Ed/Contract Ed representatives are meeting with Parks and Rec. Community Education to make sure PCC’s non-credit offerings don’t duplicate what is currently being offered in Newberg by Park and Rec. PCC also is partnering with Community Education and Park and Rec. to ensure our English for Speakers of Other Languages offerings meet the community’s need.
- Paula Radich offered her help to PCC to get the word out to both the Sherwood Public Schools and those in St. Paul, both public and private schools.

- Kate Chester highlighted the communications under way for each of the individual activities/events surrounding the temporary and permanent sites in Newberg. This includes publicity, marketing, advertising, community outreach, etc.
- Claudia Stewart announced that the Cultural Center opening is set for Saturday, March 27.

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