

Meeting minutes



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600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting: TOD Steering Committee
Date/time: Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 2:00 –2:30 p.m.
Place: by phone

Committee members present:

Derek Abe
Alisa Pyszka
Mark Ellsworth
Carlotta Collette

Staff:

Megan Gibb
Patrick McLaughlin
Jon Williams
Laura Dawson Bodner

I. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mark Ellsworth called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed committee members and staff to this conference call meeting. While waiting for people to call in, he for background information on the Central City Concern Eastside Campus amended action item.

Mr. Jon Williams explained that there is a need to amend affordability restrictions on this project. He reviewed the project background. In the original proposal, the 151 units were restricted at 50% of AMI. The project team has requested that most of the units have 60% AMI restrictions. In addition, residents in the units in the medical portion of the project will not pay any rent, but there will be no restrictive covenant on those units. These are not material changes to the project.

Early today, Ms. Bhutani alerted staff and the TOD steering committee that Central City Concern are evaluating properties to the south of the project site for potential purchase and future development. She asked Metro staff if the intent was to use these properties for accessory parking. Mr. Williams followed up with Ms. Stephanie Kondor of Central City Concern who clarified that their intention is to build housing on those sites with a potential for some shared parking. Jon responded that as a condition of approval, there could be no more than 50 offsite parking spaces. He said that Ms. Bhutani was comfortable with this change.

Ms. Pyszka asked if the additional parking would make a difference regarding mode share. Mr. Williams said it would not affect staff analysis of the project.

Mr. Abe asked about concerns shared at a past TOD Steering Committee meeting regarding increased concentration of poverty and its impacts to transit and ridership at that location. Mr. Williams confirmed that this was identified as a concern but the committee decided to support the project anyway.

Ms. Gibb confirmed that Metro does not have a lot of influence on what the developer does on future properties.

Mr. Abe asked if there would be a separate ownership structure for future developments. Mr. Williams responded that there will be a separate ownership structure but everything is speculative at this point.

As there was not a quorum, Ms. Gibb asked that the meeting be adjourned and rescheduled.

II. ADJOURN

Chair Ellsworth adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Laura Dawson Bodner