

Galveston Improvement Task Force

Sons of Norway Lodge

Meeting Date: January 10, 2011

Taskforce Members

Jason Adams	Mill Town Investments
Nick Arnis	City of Bend
Jennifer Bass	Jennifer Bass Landscape Architecture
Jeff Dearings	Parilla Grill (Absent)
Wendy Edde	City of Bend
Ryan Houston	Upper Deschutes Watershed Council (Absent)
Robin Lewis	City of Bend
Michael Magee	MacKay & Sposito, Inc
Brian Rankin	City of Bend
Joanne Richter	Richter Environmental Consulting
Rick Root	City of Bend
Sally Russell	Ambient Architecture
Stacey Stemach	Tozer Design
Al Tozer	

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Arnis welcomed the group and asked for introductions. He then gave a brief history of how the group came together, he asked the members to consider what kind of structure they visualized the group taking and what objectives they wanted to accomplish.

Review last meeting notes

He then asked the committee if they had comments or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting, the group accepted the minutes as written.

Objectives

Mr. Arnis asked the committee members to state why they were involved and what kind of structure they wanted to see in the committee.

Wendy Edde: Wants to improve storm water quality that currently flows directly into the river. She also presented a Green Streets paper produced by a graduate student who chose Galveston Ave. as her area of study. She mentioned possible grants that might be a good fit for this project.

Jason Adams: Represents a property owner, he is interested in the economic development of the area, he envisions a district much like the Old Mill District with pedestrian & bike access. He reports that businesses on Galveston are getting together with marketing efforts to promote the area.

Joanne Richter: Representing the Deschutes Watershed Council is interested in low impact development and Green Streets concepts to improve water quality.

Al Tozer: A building designer is hoping to design a community focused on economic development with artistic elements.

Brian Rankin: Wants to see how this area links to adjacent areas, he sees it as a model that could be applied to 14th street. He likes the idea of Galveston being a corridor to tie into Riverside to Downtown. He feels it is great to be involved with like minded people to bring the neighborhood together.

Jennifer Bass: Sees this area as an accessible, walkable community that is a gathering place with street trees and landscape.

Sally Russell: A former planning commission member owns a lot that is currently used as a community garden. She is interested in seeing how Galveston can be a part of the fabric of the community that deals with the water issue while becoming a visionary, vibrant, & unique area of human scale with aesthetics that is a draw to the community.

Michael Magee: As a Civil Engineer and former City Engineer he sees Galveston as a gem that has a unique opportunity where neighbors and businesses work together to make a plan for the area. His contribution could be to help create documents and tools to seek grants to implement the vision.

Rick Root: As a transportation planner he is interested in what goes on the Right of Way. With Galveston to serve as the central spine to tie in with other corridors to fulfill the Transportation Planning Rule of creating pedestrian and bike access. Taking into account safety concerns and parking supply as well as working with the community to secure funding for the projects.

Cindy Hartman: Will work with this group to keep the communication lines open, maintain the records, develop a website, and be a point of contact for the committee.

Structure of the Group

When Mr. Arnis asked the group about how they saw the structure of the group many different ideas were discussed:

- Do we have all the right people at the table?
- This is a grass roots group, not city council directed
- As a citizen group can maintain flexibility

- Taskforce seems like the best description
- Keep it small and simple until it is more defined

Mr. Arnis will put together a draft charter and let the group see if it is what they envisioned.

Elect Chair & Vice Chair

The group unanimously chose Al Tozer as the Chair of the Taskforce and held off making a selection for Vice Chair until they decide how the group evolves.

Next meeting locations and (lunches?)

Since the group has no formal budget they decided the next meeting would be held in a facility that would not charge a non-profit group, Stacey Stemach suggested The Loft at 919 Bond on the second floor. It was planned that the group would each bring their own lunch and that the meeting should be set up for the first week in February.