



CHARLESTON OREGON SOLUTIONS PROJECT TEAM MEETING NOTES

JUNE 23, 2008

The Charleston Oregon Solutions Project Team met for the fourth time on June 23, 2008 in the OIMB Dining Hall from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Representative Arnie Roblan
Steve Bryant
Rusty Shield
Robin Elledge
Craig Young
Steve Denny
Trish Mace
Martin Callery

Nikki Whitty
Jon Souder
Jeff Bishop
Kathy Hornstuen
Lance Benton
Anne Donnelly
Jeff Griffin
Dennis Turowski

The agenda was reviewed, and discussion followed concerning the outcome and expectations for the group when Oregon Solutions has met its commitment and the project continues on its own with the participation of partners and interested parties.

Anne Donnelly asked that her comments at the last full group meeting be recharacterized in the meeting minutes/notes in reference to her comments about OIMB, the U of O and other partners and how they are sometimes viewed within the Charleston community. She had not intended the comments to be critical, but merely descriptive of how those organizations' missions, purposes and accomplishments are not understood or are interpreted within the community.

There was a report by the Building User Group subcommittee, which had met on June 17. That group assessed needs by each partner who plan to/are interested in relocating to the facility to be constructed.

Discussion helped identify that combining phases of the project might be more sensible than developing Phase I, II and then III. There would be facility redundancy should the phased approach be used. A combination of Phase II and III will eliminate that redundancy. Phase I is the "Aquarium Display" which OIMB/UO will initiate, no matter the outcome of the Oregon Solutions team project.

A site discussion ensued. Coast Guard housing is still an appealing site. It will require a congressional process to acquire the property, which translates into a lengthy period of time. Other sites were identified, such as local RV parks and areas. Anne Donnelly suggested that the

building user group should include visitor representation. Rep. Roblan agreed, and added that the group is ready for technical advice before proceeding much farther.

Such a technical service provider or advisory group will look at all feasibility studies and building plans produced to date for various partners who have been planning a relocation. This will eliminate reinventing work that has already been done.

Craig Young reported on a meeting he attended at UO in Eugene, which identified a task group to be appointed by Vice President for Research, Rich Linton. That group includes Randy Geller (legal counsel, President's Office), Fred Tepfer (University Planning Office), Paul Elstone (UO Foundation, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations), Bryan Smith (Finance, Office of Vice President for Finance), Betsy Boyd (Office of Government Relations), Diane Wiley (Riverside Research Park, University Planning Office) and Craig Young (Director, OIMB). This group will lead UO efforts to develop Phase I and Phase II/III – to include siting, fundraising, any necessary congressional activity, and state/community planning.

Everyone present was interested in reviewing in more detail the concept of a Marine Related Business incubator – which might or might not be located in the same facility as those partners in need of administrative space. The incubator inhabitants could help provide transition from basic research to applied research.

UO is very careful at developing its property at the OIMB site, and the “landing” which was toured by the group at the last meeting is of concern. It is a pristine piece of land which would be developed to include parking, a building and traffic.

Phase I was described by Craig Young, who informed those present the aquaria would be on the 1st floor of the facility, and the second floor would include space for fisheries management, with community and fishery oriented materials and displays. The group agreed the community could use informal education posting – such as signage describing why nets are spread in the parking lot, a walking tour map of Charleston, etc.

Martin Callery added that the May edition of Pacific Fishing described a study done that showed commercial industry benefits tourism – visitors want to see “the real deal.”

Rusty Shield and Kathy Hornstuen added the facilities can augment delivery of safety information to the public (safety in tide pools, accessing water, etc.).

Steve Bryant initiated a poll for meeting participants to answer:

- 1) What excites you about this project
- 2) How does your organization benefit and
- 3) What is the most significant challenge.

Answers included 1) community benefit, family connection, bringing more visitors, personal challenge, building critical mass, maintaining an office in the immediate locale with more than twenty staff, investing in ourselves. 2) infrastructure, outreach potential, enough space to

operate efficiently, and 3) timeliness, money, site, highest and best use of resource, commitment of group after Oregon Solutions has met its commitment.

Steve asked the group if the project should be redescribed as a single phase with connected projects. Anne Donnelly expressed there is a lack of explicit description of attractive functions in the current description.

Next steps were discussed. The South Slough Reserve and ODFW have committed funding for technical services to better assess needs of the partners in a multi-use and multi-user building(s). The Building User Group subcommittee must return to defining a scope of work for a technical advisory services contract and move forward with that.

Several members of the group will contact the Coast Guard before the next full group meeting to determine the feasibility of the Coast Guard property. That group includes Rep. Roblan, Sen. Verger, Steve Bryant, Jeff Griffin, Betsy Boyd and Craig Young.

The next Building User Group subcommittee meeting was set for July 29 from 1pm to 4pm in the OIMB library upstairs meeting room. The main group meeting will be scheduled after the return of several members from various out of town commitments.

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