

**5th Street Improvements
City of Woodburn
75% Open House**

Thursday, September 30, 2010, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: City of Woodburn City Hall, Council Chambers
270 Montgomery Street
Woodburn, OR 97071

The following is a brief recap of the 75% Open House for the above referenced project.

Attendees

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Jorge Arrequin
Casey Robles
Peppi Kosikowski
Karen Hunt
Mirta Garcia

1. Background

The City of Woodburn sponsored this open house to provide information to the public about the current design for the 5th Street Improvements project. The project is currently at the 75% design level. The Design Acceptance Package (DAP), which represents an approximate 30% design level of completion, was previously submitted in April, 2010. At that time, the City Council voted to continue forward with final design for the project.

Several displays were set up around the room and included the following:

- A roll map pinned to the wall that showed an aerial photo and the basic design of the street.
- Two display boards showing pictures including descriptions of the proposed landscaping plant materials.
- Two street view photo renderings of 5th Street showing what the project could look like after the planned improvements are completed.
- Four full size sets of the 75% complete plans for viewing purposes.

Attendees were invited to review the displays and interact with City and design team staff about the project. Electronic (PDF) versions of the displays are currently available on the City's website.

2. Presentation

At approximately 5:50 pm, Kevin Thelin and Gabe Crop of Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc. conducted a half hour presentation on the project design. The presentation focused on some of the design elements of interest to the public based on feedback obtained through the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) process conducted earlier in the year. An electronic (PDF) version of the presentation slides are currently available on the City's website.

After the presentation, attendees were invited to ask any questions and provide comments for further consideration.

3. Comments Received

During the discussion, several comments were received verbally and in writing and were logged. The following is a summary of the comments received:

- Casey Robles (verbal) – Casey related that she felt “shocked” that the design did not represent what she recalled being discussed as the intent during the CAC and DAP development process. For instance, the six foot sidewalks on both sides of the street per the 75% design are wider than the four or five foot walks on one side of the street that she was expecting to see. Casey related that she felt the design team did not incorporate this preference for reduced sidewalk facilities in the design. *Dan Brown responded that the design team felt there was not much to gain by reducing the sidewalk widths from six feet to five feet wide and that four feet wide walks were too narrow in the City's opinion. Sidewalks on both sides of the street are a City priority to include in*

- Mirta Garcia (verbal and written) – “I believe that by opening 5th Street is a very big mistake. I have lived at my address for almost 36 years and I don’t agree on what this city is doing to all the home owners on 5th St. It makes no sense to open this street since it is going nowhere but into Harrison and traffic from Settlemier plus traffic from Front St. already flows into Harrison and all I can say is big mistake!”
- Peppi Kosikowski (written) – “Plants – only arborvita, no trees added.”
- Betsy Yacob (written) – “Wants multiple speed humps, especially in front of her six-plex.”