

**CITY OF CENTRAL POINT**  
**Development Commission Study Session**  
**October 3, 2016**

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ATTENDEES**

Mayor: Hank Williams

Council Members: Bruce Dingler, Allen Broderick, Brandon Thueson, Tanea Browning, Michael Quilty, and Rick Samuelson were present.

City Manager Chris Clayton; Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore; Community Planner Molly Bradley; Planning Manager Don Burt; and City Recorder Deanna Casey were also present.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. East Pine Streetscape Project

1. Object of Study Session – Review final streetscape design
  - a. On-Street Parking
  - b. Pedestrian Lights/Illumination Plan
  - c. Street Trees
  - d. Bulb-outs, Planters, and Pots
  - e. Streetscape Accessories (benches, trees grates, etc.)
  - f. Phasing Options
2. Next Steps
  - a. Preliminary Cost Estimate and Financing Options Oct/Nov.
  - b. Stakeholder Meeting (October/November)
  - c. Phasing (Nov.)
  - d. Final Design Fall 2017
  - e. Final Engineering, Phase I, Winter 2017

Planning Manager Don Burt presented the background and past consensus on the street trees, parking, and street lights that have already been approved for the downtown.

- There will be three to four street trees per block, depending on private driveways. The tree options are chanticleer pear or the hornbeam. The prevailing preference is to use the chanticleer pear. Both are columnar in shape and with appropriate grooming will not interfere with buildings, parking, or awnings.
- There will be three single luminaire lights on 20foot poles with the capability to support hanging baskets and banners. Each intersection corner will have 22 foot double luminaire lights. These options provide the best lighting options.
- Signalized pedestrian crosswalk will be located at 6<sup>th</sup> Street due to the existing pedestrian pattern of usage. This is also adjacent to where the bus stop is located.
- Planter on NW Corner of Third Street has been reduced in size to add one additional parking space.

The Development Commission agreed with the above design proposals as part of the final design.

Adkins Consulting Engineer Jeremy Morris explained that the importance of coming to a final design preference to avoid delaying the project bid dates.

Landscape Architect Alan Pardee presented options for planters, pots and furniture. The recommended options are a variety of pots, a few planter areas with a six inch high boarder, and a few seat wall planters. It is best to have a variety of sizes and locations to break up the sidewalk areas. There was concern about people walking between the planters and the parking areas. All planters will be strategically located according to parking spaces. Staff stated that we could provide a little more room between the planters and the parking area, but that would require making the planter areas smaller. There seemed to be agreement that more space should be provided for the planters.

There was discussion that the Commission did not necessarily like the 6 inch proposed raised planters but understands the need for them. There was discussion about the size and amount of the planter pots. The pots need to be in a series of three for design elements. The seating planters can be stamped with a decorative design to be decided at a later date.

There was a discussion that the variety of planters is important from a design element. When the trees lose their leaves we will have the planters to break up the sidewalk and provide a variety of things to look at. Some Commission Members were concerned that there would be to many items and it would seem cluttered. Mr. Clayton stated this was one of his concerns originally but after attending LOC he took notice of the planters and design elements in Salem, there is plenty of sidewalk space and it did not look cluttered. There is also concern about trash being tossed into the planters. This is a risk all cities face, but if the planters are at ground level the plants do not survive because people walk on them.

The Commission Members were reminded that we are looking to increase property value and design is a major component of that value. We are also trying to keep the cost down so that we can complete all the elements.

They were presented illustrations of what the cross walk sections would look like with the planters/pots design elements. The crosswalk sections would be similar to the sidewalk patterns, including the pedestrian signal crossing at 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

At this point staff needs a consensus to complete the drawings and proceed with scheduling a stakeholders meeting and open house for October 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

## **CONCLUSION:**

- 1.** Current flower baskets that are attached to the buildings will be removed. Several business owners have done a great job keeping them healthy and looking nice, but there are a few locations where they do not look as good. As part of the project these planters will be removed.

2. Mid-block street trees and street lights as discussed were accepted.
3. Proposed planter on west side of Third Street reduced in size to allow an additional parking space.
4. Relocation of the signalized crosswalk to the eastside of Sixth Street was accepted.
5. No decision was made on the types of pots or color at this meeting. There was a consensus that planters/pots would be part of the project in specific locations and that final design, location, and size would be up to the landscape architect generally per Option B.
6. There was consensus to complete the draft final design, complete presentation drawings and schedule the open house for October 17, 2016.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Study Session for October 3, 2016 was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.