

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February DRAFT Minutes**

**Thursday, February 7, 2008, 7:00 PM
Rockridge Library**

Present: Bruce, Edmister (arrived 7:13, departed 9:00) Flashman, Floystrup, Kinhead (non-voting member), Peterson, Small, Spitzer (departed 8:30), St. John, Truchlikova

Absent: Montauk, Wahlberg

Guests: John Gussman (legal advisor) (arrived 7:50, departed 9:20), Michael Beattie (transportation consultant for Safeway), Matt Ridgeway (transportation consultant for Safeway), Andy Loumbas (Safeway), Gerard Castronuevo (Safeway), Melissa Weiss (project architect), Todd Paradis (Safeway), Kirk Peterson (project architect), Glen Jarvis (PPRC), Ray Cron (PPRC). All guests except John Gussman departed after the conclusion of Item I.

Meeting called to order with a quorum present at 7:07 PM.

Item I. Presentation on Safeway

Todd Paradis reported that the project has put in an application with the city and the project planner is Pete Vollman. The project team has had several neighborhood meetings, including with neighbors on Alcatraz. Problems they identified included: the trash compactor on site, the recycling center, and truck loading activity. Todd presented site plans, an elevation, perspectives and sections.

Site: The site will include rooftop parking with the store façade facing College and a signalized driveway opening onto Claremont (only auto access). There will be 194 parking stalls with elevator and stair access to the store below, and a ramp for carts. Loading dock is planned to be self-contained, covered, and below-grade – an issue is the trucks' egress onto College. There will be deli seating and outdoor tables at the Claremont/College intersection. The store will incorporate many departments – seafood, meat, deli, bakery, pharmacy. The store will be around 54,000 square feet and have much better storage.

The exterior will feature glass-façade elevator wells, with windows echoing the storefronts across the street. An arcade will characterize the College Avenue sidewalk. Still working on what the corner approach will look like and thinking of ideas (public art, etc.). Claremont façade will have some more work.

The board members asked questions concerning the C-31 “feel” along College Avenue (a desire of the project planners), the desire to have specialty departments or “shop-in-shops” along the avenue, the possibility for a pocket park or other public space at the corner, a suggestion that colors differentiate the façade, concerns about the rooftop landscaping, and especially concerns about the numbers of trucks that might be exiting onto College near the Alcatraz intersection.

The team replied that they are planning on different façade colors and other ways to “break up” the College Avenue façade, but that shop-in-shops or specialty departments opening to the street are not feasible. The corner will be an urban space with seating, but there will be trellises and landscaping on the roof. Transportation engineers will look into auto and pedestrian effects, and will find out if smaller trucks can exit on Claremont.

Item 2. Administrative

A) Approval of January minutes.

- MOTION: To approve the January 2008 minutes as amended. *Motion:* Small. *Second:* Truchlikova. *In favor:* Bruce, Floystrup, Small, St. John, Truchlikova. *Abstaining:* Flashman, Peterson, Edmister (due to absence from January meeting). *Motion carried.*

Item 3. Bylaws

- A) Vote on term limits revisions for February meeting - John explained the current term limits for board members (relevant with upcoming elections). Anyone who has served at least 3 elected (not appointed) terms or portions thereof cannot stand for election for another elected term unless approved by two-thirds of the board to run again. It is proposed to remove all limits on lifetime terms, but to continue to limit *consecutive* terms. After board discussion, consensus was reached on amending section 8.3(d) of the bylaws, with the understanding that the board will still have discretion with appointed terms (to preserve institutional memory, etc.).
- MOTION: To amend section 8.3, subsection (d), of the RCPC bylaws to read: *(d) No person, who has been elected to, and who has served three consecutive elected terms on the Board of Directors shall be eligible for re-election to the Board, unless at least one annual election cycle has passed since the end of the person’s last elected term.*

For purposes of the preceding sentence, “consecutive terms” includes terms served only in part, unless two or more of the actual periods of service in those terms were separated by at least 6 months.

The foregoing limitation shall not affect the ability of any person to complete an elected term that was underway on the effective date of this subsection (d), or to

serve an appointed term on the Board pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 8.3 or subsection (a) of Section 8.6.

Motion: Edmister. Second: Peterson. In favor: Bruce, Edmister, Floystrup, Flashman, Peterson, Truchlikova, St. John. Abstaining: Small. Motion carried.

ADDENDUM: The above bylaws amendment, once approved by the board, will be submitted for ratification by the RCPC membership.

- B) Amend board position for Fourth Bore Coalition political action. John clarified legal boundaries of actions allowed by 501(c)3 rules and suggested that the motion passed in January was too broad.
- MOTION to rescind the motion regarding RCPC political action that was carried on January 3, 2008. *Motion: Bruce. Second: Peterson. In favor: Bruce, Edmister, Floystrup, Flashman, Peterson, Truchlikova, St. John. Abstaining: Small.*
 - MOTION to amend the January 3, 2008 motion regarding RCPC political action to read as follows: *That the RCPC will not itself nor will it allow anyone speaking on its behalf to enter into any activities **in support of or in opposition to a candidate for public elected office.** Motion: Flashman. Second: Bruce. In favor: Bruce, Edmister, Floystrup, Flashman, Peterson, Truchlikova, St. John. Abstaining: Small (on the grounds that the board was spending too much time on administrative matters). Motion carried.*

Item 4. Green Initiative

Annette proposed an official committee for the RCPC to carry out the “Green Initiative” she proposed in the *Rockridge News*. There was a consensus that no official committee or bylaws amendment is necessary, and this will be a community workgroup.

Item 5. Rockridge News

- A) Articles for March will include: Town meeting recap (by Small), Dreyer’s update (by Small), PPRC updates (all members contribute), pitch to join board and vote (Bruce).

Items 6 and 7. General Meetings and other Meetings

- A) General/Town Hall Meeting Topics: Gay Ducey’s storytelling workshop for March; April is elections/candidates, Ellen will do urban creeks in May; crime tips meeting with NCPC for May or June.
- B) Suggestion that the board schedule the retreat for *after* the new board terms start in May. Most board members agreed; Annette to follow up with Ronnie.

- C) Discussion of format of town hall meetings – more user-friendly, less jargon, finding “hook” to draw more attendees, holding them at College Ave Presbyterian for a bigger audience.

Item 8. Website

Peter passed out screen shots of the website and went over the new edits. A discussion about whether there needs to be a graphical overhaul and how to proceed. Some agreement that more work on the “look” of the website was needed, even if the functionality is acceptable. Stu’s sister, a web designer, will look over the website and give the board some recommendations.

Item 9. Committees

The board briefly discussed Richard Smith’s resignation from the board and the PPRC.

- A) Schools (5) - No report on this committee since Jennifer was not present.
- B) PPRC Selection Committee (10) – Stu gave the recommendation of the selection committee: Jeff Small is recommended. Bill Garcia is recommended. Tom Cooke is exemplary but not qualified to be a voting member because he does not live in RCPC boundaries- will be invited to participate as a non-voting member. Katy Taylor will be accepted on a “trial” basis based on her recent arrival in Rockridge and less experience relative to other applicants.
- MOTION: To accept the recommendations of the Selection Committee for new members of the PPRC – Jeff Small and Bill Garcia as voting members, Katy Taylor as a “trial” member for three months, and Tom Cooke as a non-voting participant. *Motion:* Flashman. *Second:* Truchlikova. *Abstaining:* Small (because he was under consideration). *Motion carried.*
- C) PPRC meetings: The board agreed that PPRC meetings should be open to public (who will not vote), held in library, be recorded in minutes, and scheduled regularly.
- D) Bylaws/Redbook: Annette passed out new pages for the redbook that refer to committee chair contact information, paid financial consultant calendar, and testimony at public meetings policy. She also requested that PPRC provide a list (with contact information) of all Planning staff and Planning Commission.
- E) PPRC updates:
- a. 5666 Telegraph – Peter, Richard and Dahn Van Larz (the appellate) talked with the architect, who was open to discussion about all elements of the project. Stu suggested that they look into a “tolling agreement” – agreement to ignore the statute of limitations.
 - b. Hauser Creekside – Meeting/presentation with Hauser on Tuesday, 2/12 at 7 PM. The Hauser team has said that the project will look quite different.

(Note: after the board meeting, the BOD received a message that this meeting was postponed.)

- c. 5175 Broadway – Planning Commission meeting on the CUP for the underground parking will be on 2/13. One neighbor is very concerned; most of the others are less vocal. This building adheres to code/zoning – RCPC cannot oppose the building. We have offered to write a letter in support of their request for 2-way access on part of Coronado.
- MOTION: That RCPC send a letter to the Planning Commission supporting the residents’ desire that the 5175 Broadway project have the following conditions of approval: a) that Coronado be made a two-way street up to the project driveway, that there be a bollard one-lane barrier to prevent traffic going the wrong way down the one-way portion of Coronado; b) that no full-service restaurant be allowed as part of the commercial space in the project, and c) that there be no storage allowed on the balconies. *Motion:* Flashman. *Second:* St. John. *In favor:* Bruce, Flashman, Floystrup, Peterson, Small, St. John. *Abstaining:* Danica (disagreed on the clause about balconies). *Motion carried.*

F. Cabaret License – Danica made a request for input on the rewriting of the ordinance to limit the impact of entertainment licenses on residential areas (creating a downtown district distinct from residential districts). Coordination with PANIL requested. Stu expressed interest in working with Danica on this issue.

G. UnderBART – Bob Franklin gave Jeff a new design which he will present to the PPRC for a design opinion which will then be voted on by the board. Jeff and the PPRC will keep us informed.

H. TJs/Pharmaca signage: Dave Veleca, project planner for Pharmaca, called Jeff to report that TJ’s and Pharmaca have both applied for more signage. Pharmaca has applied for 100 sqft of signage. The planning staff does not intend to grant TJ’s request to use the south wall (facing BART) for signage. Jeff made a request to write three separate letters: one to city, one to TJ’s, opposing signage along the side wall, and one to Zac Wald in Councilwoman Brunner’s office. We are willing to give Pharmaca an allowance for signage if TJ’s is compliant.

- MOTION: That the RCPC draft and send a series of three letters: a letter to the Planning Department opposing Trader Joe’s application for south wall signage, a letter opposing the Pharmaca application for increasing signage from 20 to 100 sqft, and a third letter to Brunner’s office describing the situation and RCPC’s position on the issue. *Motion:* Small. *Second:* Peterson. *Motion carried unanimously.*

- MOTION: To adjourn the February meeting. *Motion:* Small. *Second:* Peterson. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Bruce, RCPC Secretary