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RE: White Salmon Shoreline Master Program – Community Vision Summary

The City of White Salmon Shoreline Master Program Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a Community Vision workshop on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. Please see attached sign in sheet and Planning Commission (TAC) meeting minutes. Scott Keillor and Dusty Day provided an overview of the Shoreline Master Program and work completed to date (presentation on file with the City). Scott then led a community vision session that simply asked what the community would like to see or not to see happen on the waterfront.

The public, staff and TAC members shared the following vision elements for the White Salmon shoreline:

- Access:
 - RV Park/underpass
 - City may trade sewer access for public easements to include parking (SW) and pedestrian or auto underpass access for trail/parking.
 - Park-n-ride
 - Pedestrian overpass of railroad for access
- Park/Trails:
 - County owns majority of undeveloped waterfront
 - City interest in acquiring for a park
 - Part of a larger loop system to use Dock Grade connection to upper City
 - Safety key – make space safe for public use
 - Appropriately scales pedestrian lighting
 - Natural area – balance access with impacts to preserve waterfront
- Character:
 - Woody debris on shoreline
 - Shaded areas for habitat
- Regulation versus Jurisdiction
 - 200' jurisdiction is not a setback
 - The 200' line is interrupted by the railroad, in lieu site and buildings
- Restoration Plan



- Improve functions of the ecosystem
 - Remove invasive species
 - Increase species diversity
- BNSF Railroad
 - 100' right-of-way
 - Railroad is currently fenced on the north (active) side
 - Safety is key
 - City has discussed with and says BNSF is on board to help with needed south side safety fencing by providing equipment.
- Klickitat County
 - Ongoing discussions with City
 - Encouraging position to help City with land lease for a park
- Active Recreation
 - Not good wind for wind sports
 - Could be a great stand up paddle board (SUP) launch
- Police Issue
 - Police presence needed if a park is developed
 - Address “campers” or homeless
 - Does the Yakama fishing site offer access, at least through police patrols?
- Maintenance
 - Limited access/possible four wheel carts
 - Possible auto access to a parking area, if RV park access is acquired
- Restoration Ideas
 - Increase the number of native plants
 - Increase aquatic functions (i.e. habitat enhancement through “embayment”)
 - Increase wildlife corridor across/under tracks with any pedestrian access improvement
- Beautify the White Salmon entry at the Hood River Bridge!
- Increased use for a Waterfront Park means:
 - Increased need for police services
 - Added fire and emergency vehicle access
- Utilities
 - Possible existing water line to serve a park
- Other private properties
 - Maintain existing businesses, but work to enhance public spaces

Next Steps

Scott Keillor thanked participants for their thoughtful input, and indicated that the team will be working on policy development over the coming months. Public input will be gathered throughout the shoreline program development, expected to be completed in 2016.