

Design Enhancements Panel Meeting #14
INTERNAL SUMMARY [DRAFT]

Monday, February 1, 2010
Lane Council of Governments
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Panel Members Attendees: Charlotte Behm, Eric Gunderson, Bob Kline, Annie Loe, Vicky Mello, Randy Nishimura, John Rose, Scott Wylie
Absent: no one

Staff: Don Kahle, Facilitator; Megan Banks, Douglas Beauchamp, Larry Fox, Justin Lanphear
Absent: no one

Welcome

Douglas welcomed everyone and commended the DEP on the hours and months that they have invested in the process. He referred to the white board that stated the DEP's job tonight is to spend about \$1.2 million on design enhancements. He said that the hope is to get CAG-PDT packets out next week but the DEP would still have time to have an artist come in and speak to an element if needed.

Douglas proposed that the DEP make a motion on a decision, discuss the motion and vote. If a majority affirms the motion, it will be upheld. If there is not a majority, the item will not move forward. He added that a position on an element or motion would be held until 8 p.m. tonight but once the DEP adjourns, a decision cannot be revised.

Douglas described and distributed two handouts—the initial tallies from Don and Bob's revised version. He said the initial responses give us a pattern. The responses are not definitive but help us decide what to talk about. Douglas said he has seen two different ways of working through the elements: 1) move to *remove* elements or 2) move to *contract/commission* elements. He added that it seemed to work better with removing some elements first. He added that it is the middle group that typically takes more time. This doesn't mean those elements with a lot of red will drop-off or with a lot of green will remain. They will all be discussed.

Douglas asked if the group was comfortable with the process and the group confirmed they were okay with it and ready to move forward.

Randy said that even though this has been presented as a menu of items, the DEP should remember the whole and be sure that the elements aren't treated as disconnected components. All the elements are part of Whilamut Passage. Douglas suggested that the group could move to remove or keep multiple items at once. Randy said that is not his intent; he wants to be sure DEP keeps the whole in mind as decisions are being made.

Scott said there is the whole, which include bundles 1-4 as well as the individual bundles that are wholes in and of themselves. Scott asked if "horse trading" might be an aspect of tonight since some of the elements lend themselves to trading. He said he does not want to do anything now that precludes revisiting elements.

Douglas said we need to find out which elements the DEP is very passionate about and then get specific.

Bob said we might find some elements that we all agree on, or disagree, in addition to those that will be discussed. Bob said he would like a discussion and Douglas said there will definitely be that opportunity.

Motion: Eric moved to remove:

- *Water Wheel (2-G)*
- *Basalt Boulder Sundial (3-D)*
- *Life Cycle Calendar (3-E)*
- *Millrace Walls (2-F)*
- *Basalt Stone Snake Sculpture (3-G)*
- *Bridge Deck "Sparkle" (1-E)*
- *Millstones (2-M)*
- *Gabion Ripples (2-E)*

John seconded but asked to exclude *Water Wheel* and *Millrace Walls*. Douglas recommended that John not second the motion. Vicky seconded the motion.

John proposed that *Water Wheel* and *Millrace Walls* be retained. He likes their forms and their connection to the millrace. They give a rhythm to the site. Bob asked to have a discussion about the *Life Cycle Calendar*. He said he likes that one and the cost is low. He believes there is a trade-off with the *Carved Stone Bas Relief*. Scott said that some of these do things that are worth telling or are worth including in the story of Whilamut Passage. He would like to keep what some of these "do." Scott said he would like to tell the ADTs to come back with a similar but less expensive concept. Douglas said that was not the intent of tonight. The DEP won't be serving as designers; the DEP needs to work with what ADTs have provided. Scott asked if the opportunity to add design insight was coming or had gone. Douglas said he thinks it is gone. He talked about timing of the CAG-PDT meeting, contracting in May, and other reasons as to why the opportunity had passed.

Scott said he would not support the motion.

Douglas asked for a vote. Randy and Eric clarified that the motion was as proposed.

Votes in support of removing *Water Wheel, Basalt Boulder Sundial, Life Cycle Calendar, Millrace Walls, Basalt Stone Snake Sculpture, Bridge Deck "Sparkle," Millstones and Gabion Ripples*: Five votes. Motion passes.

Motion: John moved to remove *Ripple Benches (2-A)* and *River Railing (2-B)*.

Vicky seconded the motion.

Charlotte clarified that these were the prices. Douglas responded that the numbers came from the ADTs. John clarified the numbers included contingencies.

Bob said his thought was to replace the *Ripple Benches* with standard benches and that he would like to make this motion. Vicky responded that this sounds like Scott's concept of designing. Scott said the DEP could function as owners if they asked the designers to do something different. Douglas said he would like to keep it clean without changing the proposals.

Bob discussed different options for seating at the river.

Randy said he was concerned about “gutting” Bundle 2. He wants to be sure the DEP is aware of that. Eric said he was tempted to make the same motion as John, particularly due to the costs. He asked for John’s input as to why he had suggested removing these elements. John said he thought about being able to see the river as opposed to railings that echo the river. He added that the benches, based on their scale, seemed a little fussy. Vicky said she thought the benches might be a trash magnet. Bob asked and Justin clarified that fencing/railing is required there.

Scott said he is supportive of the *Ripple Benches* but not *River Railing*.

Votes in support of removing *Ripple Benches* and *River Railing*: Six votes. Motion passes.

John clarified that the sound walls were included in the grand total but not the \$1.2 million.

Motion: Randy moved to remove Fish Net: Provision (2-K).

Charlotte seconded the motion.

Randy explained that Lee had been awarded a similar commission near Delta Ponds. Bob agreed that there shouldn’t be two similar designs.

Eric asked how certain the commission was. Justin responded that the price had been negotiated and just the details need to be worked out. It is not exactly the same sculpture but there are similarities. Justin said that there may be merit to having similar sculptures on the bicycle-pedestrian paths. Scott said that this element provided a high profile presence and now there is nothing. He said a lot of the DEP may be supporting it because of its presence as well because of its scale and scope. John said he will be voting against the motion because he wants to think about it. Bob said that in his opinion, the proposed sculpture fits better with the WRB project. Annie asked if we know how different the elements would be. Douglas and Justin described the differences.

Eric said this is very troubling to him, particularly because this was the one thing of intermediate scale and a core piece of bundle 2. He would want to look back at different things within bundle 2. Vicky said the element reminds her of a power line and the shoes that people put on them. She does not feel it is appropriate because of the maintenance that will be required and the potential for climbing. Charlotte agreed with Vicky and added that twigs, branches, etc. would be a maintenance concern. She also has a concern about the concept since it is supposed to be Whilamut Passage. She asked if the DEP really want to put a trap when ODOT is encouraging fish passage in the Willamette River.

Annie asked and Justin clarified that maintenance in the vicinity is being negotiated with ODOT and the City of Eugene. Typically, he added, there is little maintenance available.

Bob suggested that a letter could be sent to the City of Eugene regarding the commission or perhaps a motion to send a letter to the City.

Votes in support of removing *Fish Net: Provision*: Four opposed; four in favor. Element is still on the table.

Motion: John moved to keep *Two Sculptural Pylons (1-A)*.

Scott seconded the motion.

Randy said he would probably support this motion because he sees them as an intermediate scale relative to the other elements and the bridge itself. And they can be seen above and below the bridge. He added that the pylons are strengthened by the prospect that *Fish Net: Provision* may be lost.

Bob asked about spending the money on words on pylons when people driving by won't be able to read them? He also asked about doing one pylon only to cut costs. Vicky agreed with Bob about the printed words on the pylons. Annie clarified that at one end, the pylon is probably 20' off the ground. Vicky said she is not sure one would be able to see it clearly and not sure what it means. Charlotte said she thinks something more beautiful could be done. She said the themes have been around nature. She also said the cities and county want a gateway and this doesn't do that. She is concerned about climbing on it and wanted to know what Jiri's opinion was of the element.

Douglas responded that Jiri is generally supportive and accepting of the pylons.

Bob said if they were lighted, would notice them at night. Randy responded that lighting wouldn't be supported by the parks group. Randy said he would support the motion and mentioned the layers of design ADT #1 had presented. He mentioned that doing just one would lose the catenary concept.

Eric said he is in support of the motion. It fits the theme although it is more of an abstract expression of it. He added that the words could be portrayed more as images. Eric added that part of our mission was to mark the ends of the bridge. Scott said he is supportive of the motion. To him the pylons respond to the scale and velocity of the site. They also respond to different levels as they go down. At the top it is less about detail and more about movement. As go below, they get more intricate as people are going more slowly. In terms of words, were talking about a phrase here and there. He strongly supports the element.

Bob said that in support of his one pylon instead of two, it could be seen as a horn of plenty or a convergence.

John said through this process, ADT #1 has had a difficult job. He thinks they did a great job. He sees the pylons as classic with a twist and is very enthusiastic about them.

Votes in support of *Two Sculptural Pylons*: Six votes. Motion passes.

Motion: Charlotte moved to keep, with the exception of *Fish Net: Provision*:

- ***CILOS (3-B)***
- ***Millrace of Camas (2-H)***
- ***Singing Perches (3-C)***
- ***Tree-Here-Now (3-A)***
- ***River Confluence Railing (3-H)***

Vicky seconded the motion.

Randy asked about the viability of the proposed Dogwoods. Justin responded that once they are established they would be fine. They may be susceptible to anthracnose but more often so in areas of less air flow. This area has plenty of air flow. Justin might suggest that the ADT consider substituting another native. He acknowledged that the plant material would need a final okay from ODOT maintenance, the two parks entities and CPC before it was specified. He added that more important is the time frame after the five-year maintenance in terms of viability.

John said he can't support the motion because it is too comprehensive. He thought *River Confluence Railing* lacked in detail in the presentation. He is not clear which artist would work on it. *Tree Here Now* still has questions in John's opinion. He is thinking about the type of plaza—what about maintenance? John added that he did not have any issues with *Singing Perches* or *Mill Race of Camas*.

Bob said he has the same comment as the other railing—there is potential for spray paint, etc.

Charlotte proposed to revise the motion to remove *River Confluence Railing*. There was not support to revise the motion.

Bob asked and Douglas clarified that the DEP could vote something off later in the evening.

John asked what would be at the *Tree Here Now* area. Justin said that area would still need to be figured out.

Bob said he would support taking the art off the rail. He clarified that he understands much of the art in that area had been removed.

Votes in support of *CILOS*, *Millrace of Camas*, *Singing Perches*, *Tree-Here-Now* and *River Confluence Railing*: Five votes. Motion passes.

Don said that \$833,000 has been spent.

Motion: Randy moved to keep *Invisible Lines Made Visible (2-J)* and *Dovetail Boundary (2-I)* and *Dove Tail and Invisible Lines Made Visible (3-J)*.

Annie seconded the motion.

Eric said this is an easy one to support for him. He said that the ideas are connected across the bundles. Bob said it is a good idea to put them together because if they were to be removed, he would take them out as a group. Charlotte said these are at the bottom of the ADTs' priorities.

Scott said that Litus had combined the two elements while GreenWorks had kept them separate. He asked if they could be separated in Bundle 3. He is uncomfortable with the package. Justin clarified that they are separate in ADT #3's cost estimate.

Vicky said the connection speaks to bringing a small aspect of the whole together. John said he is looking for the unity among the concepts. Randy said that doesn't concern him as much. Bob said he may want something more "artsy" and not these. Charlotte said she likes that both sides of the park blend together. She added that the location of invisible lines should be discussed more because that is where kayakers put in.

Votes in support of *Invisible Lines Made Visible* and *Dovetail Boundary* and *Dove Tail and Invisible Lines Made Visible*: Six votes. Motion passes.

Vicky asked about stakeholders such as ODOT maintenance. If they have concerns, where does that leave the DEP? Staff responded that some of that will be filtered by the CAG-PDT since they will receive the original proposal and the DEP's recommendation. An element or elements may come back to the DEP if there are significant changes to the recommendations.

Motion: Vicky moved to keep *Camas Bas Relief* (3-F) and *Carved Stone Bas Relief* (2-I).

Charlotte seconded the motion.

Annie asked if anyone had an idea of how this might look. She said she was comfortable with the *Camas Bas Relief* but not as much the *Carved Stone Bas Relief* canoe. Scott said it has been moved around geographically and he also was not sure what it might look like also. He is also not clear how it relates. Annie said it seems to be more "plop art" than iterative.

Bob said that as he understands it, the *Carved Stone Bas Relief* canoe was on one side and the *Life Cycle Calendar* was on another. If he had to choose, he would choose the *Life Cycle Calendar*.

Charlotte referred to ADT #3's drawings and described her understanding of the concept. She mentioned the importance of the Kalapuya canoe. She said that something has to go in the canoe canal.

John said his concern is the people who might, or might not, do the work that were mentioned in the final presentation. He doesn't see it as an art piece. Vicky asked and John said he thought it would be a poor representation. He is left wondering about it because there isn't enough information. Bob asked John if he thought the *Life Cycle Calendar* was more of an art piece. John said if he was being asked to rank the *Life Cycle Calendar* and the *Carved Stone Bas Relief* canoe, he would rank the *Life Cycle Calendar* higher.

Eric reiterated that this is an important place. He is worried that the DEP has taken some stuff out and only hardscape remains. He is worried about putting *Carved Stone Bas Relief* there. Bob said he saw the area with the *Camas Bas Relief* but not the *Carved Stone Bas Relief*. Charlotte clarified that the DEP is talking about the south side.

Douglas clarified the motion on the table.

Votes in support of keeping *Camas Bas Relief* and *Carved Stone Bas Relief*: Three. Motion does not pass.

Scott wanted to emphasize that there will be more discussion. He said that he echoed Eric's concerns.

Motion: Bob moved to keep *Foothill Fence* (1-B) and *Fence Pixilation* (1-D).

Annie seconded the motion.

Don mentioned the low and high estimates. The group clarified that the difference in cost was due to the potential difference in material. The group clarified that the *Canoe Canal Fencing* actually referred to an enhanced railing. Douglas said he would go with the high estimate.

Vicky asked for clarification about the fencing—are all the fences wrapped into one? Douglas and Don clarified that ADT's overall concept of *Welcoming Offering* includes both these fences.

Charlotte said she does not see a need for a special fence over the canoe canal or trees.

Randy asked and Larry responded that it is due to the height of the wall that protective fencing is required for safety purposes.

John talked about the anamorphic project that he was familiar with. He said it had been very popular. In thinking about other options for projections, he still favored the hands. Scott said, reinforcing John's perspective, if the hands were very friendly, they would work well with the abstracted pylons. Something recognizable with something abstract. Scott strongly supports this concept.

Votes in support of keeping *Foothill Fence* and *Fence Pixilation*: Six votes. Motion passes.

Motion: Scott moved to keep *Remnant Columns* (2-D).

Eric seconded the motion.

Vicky said at first she thought this was a good idea but now the path location might put *Remnant Columns* out of sight. There is not a lot of activity over there. Scott said we are talking about the 100-year bridge. He added that not building the path is only being considered at this time and there might be a path eventually even if it is not built with this project. He said that columns are about passages. They are not redundant in any way. He said that this is real art. Charlotte asked what is real art. Scott said it is about something disappearing. It depicts a phenomenon as opposed to a literal piece. Eric said he supports it and likes the columns as a history of built things at the place as well as Scott's description of passage.

Votes in support of keeping *Remnant Columns*: Five votes. Motion passes.

Eric said he was worried that the DEP has gutted the canoe canal. He suggested some options to bring back and asked for Charlotte's input. Charlotte responded that she would prefer to bring back the *Camas Bas Relief* and *Carved Stone Bas Relief*.

Motion: Vicky moved to bring the *Camas Bas Relief* (3-F) back.

Randy seconded the motion.

Randy said his concern is that one of the highlights of a bas relief is to capture light. Since these will face north, he is not sure how much light they will reflect. Vicky responded that some of the experience will also be tactile. She likes that it appeals to multiple generations because it is lower in height. Bob said it doesn't feel connected to anything but just thrown in there.

Votes in support of bringing *Camas Bas Relief* back: Five votes. Motion passes.

Motion: Randy moved to remove *Fish Net: Provision* (2-K).

Charlotte seconded the motion.

Eric said he voted in favor last time and would be ready to change his vote provided some other elements are revisited.

Votes in favor of removing *Fish Net: Provision*: Six votes. Motion passes.

Scott asked if we could encourage GreenWorks to come up with another idea.

Bob asked about *Landscape Enhancements*: what would happen if was removed? Justin said there is landscape proposed in the area. The cost estimate from bundle 1 doesn't include landscaping but actually refers to hardscape—basalt, etc.

Motion: Bob moved to remove *Landscape Enhancements* (1-F).

Vicky seconded the motion.

Vicky said she thought when the DEP was doing the matrix, this was covered. Bob said that when he first went through the concept, he liked it but now that he sees how much is along the path, he does not think it is needed.

John said that he appreciated how the bundle 1 team picked up on Eric's one-minute movie and found yet another way to express it. He commended Eric on his one-minute movie idea.

Vote in favor of removing *Landscape Enhancements*: Six votes. Motion passes.

Motion: Charlotte moved to remove the *Canoe Canal Fence* (1-C).

Vicky seconded the motion.

Scott clarified that this was not related to *Fence Pixilation*.

Votes in favor of removing *Canoe Canal Fence*: Six votes. Motion Passes.

Don shared that the current total of money allocated was about \$1.1 million.

Motion: Charlotte moved to remove *Old Growth* (2-C).

Bob said that he thought about this for a long time and it dawned on him what has happened to our forests. He likes the element. Vicky said in this area, particularly down by the river, it should reflect what has gone on there. There were no old growth forest in this area because of how the prairie was managed. She agreed with Bob on the travesty of forests but this is not the right location. She does not support it because she wants to have things of this place. John likes the banding, form, etc. In particular he likes the location. It is a site that gets marked. Randy said he likes the piece but is not sure about the siting. He said he is torn about whether to support it. Scott said he had some similar ambivalences. One of his issues with the proposals by GreenWorks is the siting. Bob said he sees it as educational. Eric said he connected it with the *Remnant Columns*. Charlotte said that the art we put there should reflect the area and *Old*

Growth doesn't do that. She is not sure if being gouged is a good thing long-term. She is also not sure what it will look like painted since there won't be any maintenance.

Bob asked about treating the wood with the intent of keeping the paint from penetrating. He believes in the symbolism.

Votes in favor of removing Old Growth: Two votes. Motion fails.

Douglas said that the DEP has covered everything and spent approximately \$1.1 million. Douglas asked for confirmation of money spent by bundle:

Bundle 1: \$681,000

Bundle 2: \$43,000

Bundle 3: \$469,000

The group clarified that \$135,000 for Phase 1 had been subtracted from original budget.

Douglas asked if the DEP wants to meet again or have more discussion right now. The group agreed to meet for a little while longer.

Motion: Bob moved to bring the Life Cycle Calendar (3-E) back.

Charlotte seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of bringing the Life Cycle Calendar back: Five votes. Motion passes.

Motion: John moved to bring the Water Wheel (2-G) back.

Annie seconded the motion.

Scott said he liked the idea of something major and sculptural. The ADT had bracketed their site. He somewhat supports reinstating it because it is a generalized enough form that one doesn't have to see it as a water wheel. Having something important there is a good idea. Bob said they didn't capture the idea.

Votes in favor of bringing the Water Wheel back: four votes. Motion fails.

Motion: Charlotte moved to go with the items agreed upon and earmark \$100k for Bundle 2.

Randy seconded the motion.

Randy said that some of that money would be lost because there would have to be new design work. Vicky clarified that the motion was indeed possible. Justin responded that the DEP needs to be comfortable with this recommendation.

John said he feels like we haven't addressed the *Old Growth*.

Votes in favor of the items agreed upon and earmarking \$100,000 for Bundle 2: Three. Motion fails.

Motion: Bob moved to bring *Old Growth* (2-C) back.

John seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of bringing *Old Growth* back: Six votes. Motion passes.

Don said that all the money has been spent.

Motion: Bob moved that we accept the list on the board.

Votes in favor of the list on the board: eight votes. Unanimous that recommendations agreed to will be forwarded to the CAG-PDT.

Next DEP meeting time and place: No meeting scheduled.

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Remove:	Five votes. Motion passes.
• Basalt Boulder Sundial (3-D)	
• Millrace Walls (2-F)	
• Bridge Deck "Sparkle" (1-E)	
• Gabion Ripples (2-E)	
• Water Wheel (2-G)	
• Life Cycle Calendar (3-E)	
• Basalt Stone Snake Sculpture (3-G)	
• Millstones (2-M)	
Remove:	Six votes. Motion passes.
• Ripple Benches (2-A)	
• River Railing (2-B)	
Remove: Fish Net: Provision (2-K)	Four opposed; four in favor. Element still on table.
Keep: Two Sculptural Pylons (1-A)	Six votes. Motion passes.
Keep (not including Fish Net: Provision):	Five votes. Motion passes.
• CILOS (3-B)	
• Millrace of Camas (2-H)	
• Singing Perches (3-C)	
• Tree-Here-Now (3-A)	
• River Confluence Railing (3-H)	
Keep:	Six votes. Motion passes.
• Invisible Lines Made Visible (2-J)	
• Dovetail Boundary (2-I)	
• Dove Tail and Invisible Lines Made Visible (3-J)	
Keep:	Three votes. Motion fails.
• Camas Bas Relief (3-F)	
• Carved Stone Bas Relief (2-I) [canoe]	
Keep:	Six votes. Motion passes.
• Foothill Fence (1-B)	
• Fence Pixilation (1-D).	
Keep: Remnant Columns (2-D)	Five votes. Motion passes.
Bring back: Camas Bas Relief (3-F)	Five votes. Motion passes.
Remove: Fish Net: Provision	
Remove: Landscape Enhancements (1-F).	Six votes. Motion passes
Remove: Canoe Canal Fence (1-C)	Six votes. Motion Passes
Remove: Old Growth (2-C)	Two votes. Motion fails.
Bring back: Life Cycle Calendar (3-E)	Five votes. Motion passes.
Bring back: Water Wheel (2-G)	Four votes. Motion fails.
Vote in favor of the items agreed upon and earmarking \$100k for Bundle 2.	Three votes. Motion fails.
Bring back: Old Growth (2-C)	Six votes. Motion passes.
Vote to accept the list on the board.	Unanimous. Recommendations agreed to will be forwarded to the CAG-PDT.

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