



COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Keith Locke
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Assistant City Administrator
Sue Nelson, Interim Public Works Director
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS

Merideth D'Andrea
Seth Otto
Natasha Parvey

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:01 p.m.

TOPIC

1. EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant Update

City Administrator John Walsh introduced Seth Otto and Merideth D'Andrea of Maul Foster Alongi (MFA).

Seth and Merideth reviewed the PowerPoint presentation and brownfield properties. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. The primary objective of the St. Helens Brownfield Assessment Program is to identify and assess priority sites in the target area to remove the barriers to redevelopment created by their brownfield status.

Discussion of the availability of future grants for assessment, cleanup, and revitalization activities.

Questions/Comments

Council President Morten thanked the consultants for a thorough presentation.

Councilor Topaz pointed out two brownfield properties.

- A livery stable at the corner of S. 3rd Street and St. Helens Street dating back to the 1920s. The groundwater is full of horse droppings. Is that something to consider? Seth responded that it can sometimes have contaminants, but it does not typically include brownfields. Merideth added that they have monitored it in the past for contaminants. Councilor Topaz added that it is close to one of the springs that supplies drinking water.
- Dillard Lake on Old Portland Road between S. 5th and 6th Street. That was also a site where stuff was dumped from the mill in the 1920s. Is that within their control? Seth responded that there is no restriction on including additional properties. Councilor Topaz said there is fecal chloroform in

the groundwater, which the City tested. The original sewer system really ripped up the ground. What is draining from Dillard Lake could be going into people's drinking water. Seth agreed that it could be investigated.

Walsh thanked the consultants and Associate Planner Jenny Dimsho for all of their work on this project.

Councilor Locke asked if there would be a program like this for the Boise mill site. Seth responded that it could be included in the next round.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Lisa Scholl

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/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor