

**Coburg Loop  
CAC and TAC Meeting Summary #1  
February 20 and March 13, 2008**

**Introductions**

Introductions of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) were made. Due to several members' scheduling conflicts on February 20<sup>th</sup>, some members attended a second meeting which scheduled to accommodate the rest of the committee members. A third meeting was attended by all members to complete the scope of the original agenda. Notebooks with a baseline map, Parks and Open Space Master Plan map, technical memo #1 and contact information was included in the notebook material.

**Project Scope/Existing Conditions**

The scope of the project was presented to the members within the context of technical memo #1. Within this context, existing conditions were presented by staff. This included the parameters by which the project must take place. For example; State, County, and local long-range planning documents were identified that will guide this project's process.

Members discussed the opportunities and constraints of the path system. This information is described in the technical memo. No member disagreed with any of the existing conditions. No conditions were added to the description. Members were encouraged to begin thinking about the visualizing the ideal path system and endorsing a set of evaluation criteria at part II of the first meeting.

**Visioning**

Jeff Krueger facilitated a visioning exercise addressing what the collective group would expect or want to see in the ideal, completed trail - 20 years from now. The following questions about the Coburg Loop were asked:

- What do you see?
- What does it look like?
- How is it unique?
- Where do you go?
- How does it make you feel?

The answers were recorded on flip chart paper and are reiterated below, grouped by type:

*Facilities/Amenities*

- Bridges
- Benches
- Water fountains
- Doggie-bag station
- Staging area for events and parking for out of town users

- Colored/native surface application
- Garbage cans
- Complete loop system
- Antique theme
- Drainage-ways
- Exercise equipment
- Tree variety- marked by species
- Signage Describing:
  - Historic orientation
  - Interpretive
  - Native American archeological sites
  - Coburg Hills
  - Wildlife
  - Mile/distance markers
  - Cemetery
  - Agricultural uses
  - Wetlands

#### *Access/Locations*

- Eastside of I-5/Diamond Ridge
- Natural features including the Wetland Park
- See growing crops
- ADA accessible
- No curfew
- Connections to:
  - Muddy Creek
  - Rail corridor
  - Coburg School
  - Armitage Park
  - Eugene - south
  - Harrisburg – north
  - Wetlands

#### *Safety*

- Emergency phones
- Emergency access for vehicles
- Community policing/report misuse
- Lighting – possibly solar

#### *Uses*

- Walking
- Running
- Site-seeing
- Educational opportunities
- Biking
- Soft trail (on the side)
- Commuting
- Events

### *Experience*

- Scenic country-like
- Quiet
- Good separation from cars
- Vistas (Coburg Hills, Wetlands, Farm Land)
- Simple
- No trash
- No vandalism
- Well-maintained
- Low-maintenance
- No perception of 'bad guys'
- Fun runs/night walks

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Jeff Krueger further described the evaluation criteria that were identified in draft Tech Memo #1. One additional criteria was suggested; educational opportunity. For example, evaluate potential routes that can provide an educational opportunity for kids such as a wetlands viewing area's proximity to the elementary school.

### **Open House #1**

The CAC/TAC discussed the next step which is the first public open house. The goal is to have this meeting at the end of April 2008. The exact day will depend on other City activities in that timeframe. This information will be disseminated as soon as possible by Petra Schuetz. While discussing the format of this meeting, it was decided by the group that the consultant, Jeff Krueger, facilitate an introductory presentation. Further, several images will be presented at the open house that exemplify the CAC's visualization process. Finally, the purpose of the open house will be to introduce the community to the concept and to begin looking at potential alignments for the loop system. It was suggested that the workshop be advertised through a post card mailing, posters, reader board and word of mouth. Committee members were encouraged to spread the word. Jeff noted that it was important to try to get good Planning Commission and City Council attendance.