



December 20, 2010

Centralia College – Master Plan - Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendees: Al Nelson, 409 S Washington St
Suzanne Nelson, 409 S Washington St
Rocky Poyns, 306 W Walnut St
Patsy Poyns, 306 W Walnut St
David Reynoldson, 910 W Plum St
Kevin Schinnell, 918 Centralia College Blvd
Emil Pierson, City of Centralia
Steve Ward, Centralia College
Sean Mayfield, Centralia College

1. **Opening Remarks**

Steve Ward opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance. He talked about the idea of transforming the neighborhood around the college into a “college district” and spoke about what that means. He also noted that this committee has been formed to insure that community members have the ability to offer their own feedback on how the college and community should grow over the next five to ten years.

2. **Committee and Focus and Initial Feedback**

Steve noted that the college sought committee members in a way that would insure that all the neighborhoods surrounding the campus were represented. He also stated that input from city leaders will also be essential to the committee. Then Steve opened the floor to questions and comments from committee members.

- a. David Reynoldson asked about the possibility of re-opening the Plum Street railroad crossing. He noted that this would alleviate traffic flow issues near the campus and surrounding neighborhood. Steve Ward said that the college has no objection to this and Emil Pierson added that he liked the idea, while noting that Tacoma Rail would have to be involved.
- b. Emil discussed specific zoning (single-family) for the area around the college that would make the “college district” a more desirable location for homeowners. It was then asked how the area is currently zoned and Emil noted that it is currently zoned as multi-family.
- c. Steve discussed the potential boundaries of the college district, which the college identifies as Yew Street to the west, Main to the north, Silver to the east, and Cherry-Alder-Mellon to the south. Committee members agreed that these boundaries seemed logical.
- d. Steve and Emil noted the importance of having this committee drive community efforts to improve the neighborhood. Members discussed ways to improve the area, which included: code enforcement; trails; property improvements; removal of problem structures; and traffic/roadway improvements including four-way stops, traffic “calming devices” (bulb-outs, traffic circles, roundabouts), traffic humps and bumps. Members

felt that progress on all these ideas could most effectively be accomplished by phasing them in as regularly scheduled city and college improvement projects are scheduled.

3. Parking

Steve went over printed map of the college's potential parking plan that showed seven potential sites surrounding the college that could be used to expand the current parking capacity. He asked that committee members take their copies of the map home and use it to provide positive and negative feedback on each potential site.

4. Wrap Up

Steve concluded the meeting by asking committee members to share the ideas discussed by the committee with their neighbors and provide the feedback offered to the college.