

**ASTORIA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

City Council Chambers  
October 20, 2014

**ADC JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Astoria Development Commission was held at the above place at the hour of 7:55 pm.

Commissioners Present: Herzig, Warr, LaMear, Mellin, Mayor Van Dusen

Commissioners Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Planner Johnson, Public Works Director Cook, Planner Johnson, Interim Police Chief Johnston, Parks and Recreation Director Cosby, Financial Analyst Snyder, Fire Chief Ames, Library Director Tucker, Support Engineer Moore, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

**REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:** No reports.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** No changes.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

5(a) ADC Minutes of 7/7/14

**Commission Action:** Motion by Commissioner Warr, seconded by Commissioner LaMear, that the Astoria Development Commission approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Commissioners Warr, LaMear, Herzig and Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:****Item 6(a): Duane Street Sidewalk Infill Project – Authorization to Bid (Public Works)**

The Duane Street Sidewalk Infill Project will improve pedestrian safety and mobility in an area of high pedestrian use. The project will provide sidewalk, transit, and ADA improvements on the north side of Duane Street between 16th and 17th Street. Several smaller areas of sidewalk on 17th between Duane and Marine will also be replaced.

Most of the project is directly adjacent to City property and is currently served by dirt/vegetated paths or severely deteriorated sidewalk. Construction of new concrete sidewalk in the area will help enhance pedestrian mobility and provide links to many of Astoria's best-known destinations. The project will also improve pedestrian transit routes from the Tongue Point Bus Stop and the Coast Guard Parking Lot.

The proposed project includes 310 feet of new sidewalk and 55 feet of repaired sidewalk. It will also include relocation of the Tongue Point Bus Shelter, two ADA ramps, a new crosswalk, and curb replacement. The construction estimate for the work is \$30,000. Engineering Staff proposes using an informal request for quotes (RFQ) for this project and it is recommended that Astor-East Urban Renewal District funds be utilized. It is recommended that the Astoria Development Commission authorize staff to solicit bids for the Duane Street Sidewalk Infill Project.

City Manager Estes displayed a map of the area, noting where the Armory and Bowpicker were located. He explained that the sidewalk would be along the north side of Duane Street, the west side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, and the east side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Astoria Texaco and the Moose Lodge.

Councilor LaMear said a new business would be going in where the cleaners used to be. She believed the business would have access from Duane Street. City Manager Estes confirmed with the owners of this business, who were in the audience, that there would not be any vehicular entrance on Duane Street; however, an entrance to the building would face Duane Street and would be tucked into the bank.

Councilor Herzig believed the presentation on the CSO project given during that night's City Council meeting indicated this area contained human remains. City Manager Estes said the amount of grading necessary to install a sidewalk would be minimal and shallow. Director Cook confirmed that human remains had been located further up the hill. Councilor Herzig understood an area of remains was located close to the downtown area. Planner Johnson stated the Fort Astoria/Fort George Cemetery site is on the southeast corner of the Armory, in the area of 18<sup>th</sup> and Exchange Streets.

Councilor Herzig asked why this particular area was chosen at this time, noting there were other sidewalks in bad shape. City Manager Estes explained that when the City completed negotiations with the Coast Guard for this area, some improvements were agreed upon. The City will have to take on more projects for the parking lot. Additionally, interest in installing a sidewalk through the area was expressed when the Bowpicker lease was brought to City Council. Funding through the Astor-East Urban Renewal Project allows the City to move forward with this project.

Mayor Van Dusen said the main reason for the project was the agreement with the Coast Guard. He asked how much the City receives from the lease with the Coast Guard. Director Cook believed the City receives \$18,000 per month.

**Commission Action:** Motion by Commissioner Herzig, seconded by Commissioner Warr, that the Astoria Development Commission authorize staff to solicit bids for the Duane Street Sidewalk Infill Project. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Commissioners Warr, LaMear, Herzig and Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm to convene the Executive Session of the City Council meeting.

#### **APPROVED:**

  
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City Manager