

PRESS RELEASE

The eleven member Troutdale Ad Hoc Downtown Redevelopment Committee completed its review and recommendations for the "Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan" on Monday December 12th. The Committee has been meeting for two months to formulate recommendations to the City Council on the Plan's goals, objectives and projects for potential inclusion in a recommended Urban Renewal District that encompasses the city's former Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

The Plan's recommendation for redevelopment of the STP Site also includes two other major properties, the Columbia Gorge Premium Outlet Mall and the former, now vacant, industrial site owned by the Yoshida Group. Committee Chair Rev. Jerry Stitzel said the committee's recommendations include:

- (1) improving local access to the site,
- (2) creating more attractions such as restaurants and expanded outlet shops,
- (3) creating a more integrated downtown business center,
- (4) increasing business traffic,
- (5) generating long term tax revenues from new businesses,
- (6) developing a riverfront park and public spaces

Stitzel said "committee members emphasized the importance of the riverfront park and public spaces to the community and its citizens." The Committee's recommended actions will be presented to the community at three neighborhood meetings in January for citizen comment, and then go to the Troutdale Planning Commission and City Council for Public Hearings. Following the hearings, if City Council decides to proceed, they intend to put the Urban Renewal Plan before the voters on May 16, 2006.

The meeting times & locations are as follows:

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

1/5/06	7-9 PM	Reynolds High School (West Entrance), 1698 SW Cherry Park Rd.
1/9/06	7-9 PM	Troutdale Elementary School Cafeteria, 648 SE Harlow Ave.
1/17/06	7-9 PM	Sweetbriar Elementary School Cafeteria, 501 SE Sweetbriar Lane.

SCHEDULED CITY MEETINGS

1/10/06	7 PM	Troutdale City Council, City Hall, 104 SE Kibling Ave.
1/18/06	7 PM	Troutdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 104 SE Kibling Ave.
1/24/06	7 PM	Troutdale City Council, City Hall, 104 SE Kibling Ave.
2/14/06	7 PM	Troutdale City Council, City Hall, 104 SE Kibling Ave.

Citizens may call John Anderson, City Administrator at 503-674-7233 or Rich Faith, Community Development Director at 503-674-7261 with questions. You can also obtain additional information on the City's Web Site at: www.troutdale.info under "News" and "Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan".