

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) MEETING #23

Date and Time: Thursday, March 9th, 2023 / 4:00 – 6:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting and YouTube Livestream

Number of concurrent YouTube viewers: 40

OUTCOMES

- CAG members received an update on community engagement activities and provided input on any additional engagement activities they recommend the program conduct
- CAG members received program updates from Program Administrator Johnson
- CAG members received a presentation on Urban Design 101 and Urban Design as it relates to IBR

WELCOME

- Johnell Bell, CAG Co-Facilitator, welcomed CAG members to the meeting and introduced Ed Washington and Lynn Valenter, CAG Co-Chairs, and reminded members to center the space, and previewed the agenda. Members were then encouraged to introduce themselves and share what is your favorite condiment or spice.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Greg Johnson, IBR Program Administrator, shared several updates on the program. He provided updates on the following:

- Bridge Tours - Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and staff did the bridge tour. IBR will offer more tours when the weather gets better. There will be an additional tour for business communities so they can learn more about the program. Bus tours are in the process of being organized.
- Greg went to Washington DC with both the Secretary of Washington DOT along with the Director of the Oregon DOT to meet with the United States DOT, which is the umbrella agency for the Federal Highway Administration. They met with the deputy director of USDOT and had a half hour to update them on the project. From the grant programs we are looking at \$2.5-\$3 billion. We are also bringing in over 50% of the total cost of this project to the table from local sources.
- Presentations
 - Westside Economic Alliance: This occurred about three and a half weeks ago. The presentation was very well received, and they asked great questions. They expressed their support for what we are doing.
 - Frank Green went to the Columbia River Economic Development Council to give them an update, and they were supportive of our efforts. They had questions regarding what the impacts would be during construction and what type of economic opportunities the

- program may provide. The overall economic impact study was shown to them, and they were impressed with the numbers of jobs that will come from this investment.
- Greater Portland Inc. had the same level of support.
 - Greg had a conversation March 8th, with Identity Clark County. He gave them an overview of where things are and what is coming next for the project. They were very supportive and want to see this project completed.
 - There was a conversation with Just Crossing Alliance and further conversations are needed so everyone understands what the project is and what it's not.

NEXT STEPS: We want to send a few member representatives on a bus tour so they can get a feel for the project site.

URBAN DESIGN PRESENTATION

Nolan Lienhart & Lilly Djaniants, IBR Urban Design, shared that urban design brings together a variety of disciplines at different scales and overlays them on top of each other, synthesizing a unique product that is rooted in its context and shaped by objectives established by its communities and stakeholders.

The presentation included a view of some next steps with how the program would like to bucket Urban Design discussion with the CAG in the coming year. CAG members then asked questions and had a discussion with the presenters.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Bryan Stebbins, IBR Community Engagement Team, talked about upcoming engagement. Potential engagement options prior to release of the Draft Supplemental environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) include:

- Briefings to community-based organizations (CBOs and Neighborhoods)
- Mini-Grant Partnerships with CBOs
- Affinity Listening Sessions
- Equity Roundtables
- Community Briefings
- Neighborhood Forums
- Youth Press Conferences
- Tabling at Fairs & Festivals
- IBR Staff Office Hours

The next Equity Roundtable will be March 23, 2023, from 6:00-7:30pm. The topic will be “Women Paving the Way” in celebration of Woman’s History Month.

Neighborhood Forum

- Mission: Meet residents of neighborhoods adjacent to the program corridor this spring to inform them about the project.

- Provide information on the Draft SEIS process including:
 - What to expect and when to expect public input
 - The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, including how public input influences program outcomes
 - Program timeline and milestones making sure people are primed and ready for the public comment period.

Breakout room discussions

What are the top 3 events you want IBR to attend this Spring/Summer?

- Clark County Fair
- Bridge View in Vancouver (started by Vancouver Housing Authority, shared with other CBO)
 - "Bridging the Gap" (2nd Annual)
 - Aug 25
- Youth Leadership Conference for Russian Speaking high-schoolers
 - April 27
 - Clackamas Community Center
- Environmental groups in Portland and Vancouver
- Partner with WTA can create opportunities.
 - Trucker association — can brief members surrounding the bridge.
 - Truck driving championship event

Which equity priority communities/CBOs that IBR should partner with?

- Partners in Career, PIC (Vancouver)
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest Portland
- IRCO Portland
- Partners in Diversity — Say Hey event
- NEXT, Young Adult Employment Center
- Portland Community Coalition
- Community School for the Blind and Deaf
- Native American Youth and Family Center
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
- VERDE PDX
- Transportation Expo in Tacoma
- Paratransit riders (part of the disability community)
- CTRAN/TriMet

Share with us your equity priority media outlets/contacts if you have them.

- Irina can support with Ukrainian/Russian speaking groups
- Try Nextdoor
- Korean community outreach

- Share the FB, IG, social links for the program with CAG members
- All minority owned media outlets should be contacted (Skanner, etc.)

NEXT PROGRAM MEETINGS:

- Equity Advisory Group - March 20, 2023
- Community Advisory Group - April 13, 2023,
- Executive Steering Group - March 21, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

ATTENDEES

CAG Members

Attendees	Organization
Dena Horton	Pacific Northwest Waterways Association
Bill Prows	Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs
Ed Washington	CAG Co-Chair
Irina Phillips	At-large community member
Lynn Valenter	CAG Co-Chair
Martha Wiley	At-large community member
Sam Kim	At-large community member
Tom Hickey	Bridgeton Neighborhood Association
Whitney Mosback	Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Darcy Hoffman	Workforce SW WA

Attendees	Organization
Robin Richardson	At-large community member
Andrew Hoan	Portland Business Alliance
Lilly Djanians	At-large community member
Marcus Mundy	Coalition of Communities of Color
Michael Kelly	Human Services Council
Mikaela Williams	At-large community member
Sherri Call	Washington Trucking Association

Facilitators and Presenters

Attendees	Organization
Nolan Lienhart	IBR Program
Greg Johnson	IBR Program Administrator
Bryan Stebbins	IBR Urban Design
Lilly Djanians	IBR Urban Design
Lisa Keohokalole Schauer	IBR CAG Co-Facilitator
Johnell Bell	IBR CAG Co-Facilitator

Additional Participants

49 members of the public, partner agency staff, and the IBR team viewed the meeting via the Zoom webinar and the YouTube livestream during the meeting.

MEETING RECORDING AND MATERIALS

Meeting Recording

A recording of the meeting is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52-Ad6Zouio&t=1598s>

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Meeting Materials

The meeting materials are available here: <https://www.interstatebridge.org/get-involved-folder/calendar/cag-march-9-2023-meeting/>