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Meeting Minutes - Approved CENTRAL PARK DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

8:00 AM

Madison Municipal Bldg., Rm. LL-110
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff: Mark Olinger, Janet Dailey (Engineering), Kevin Briski, Bill Bauer & Kay Rutledge (Parks)

Others Present: Mike Statz and Jamie Curtin, MSA

Present: 11 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Joseph R. Clausius; William W. Barker; Nancy T. Ragland; Joe Sensenbrenner; Bradley C. Mullins; Leslie C. Schroeder; M. Nan Cheney; Phyllis Wilhelm; Susan M. Schmitz and Truly Remarkable Loon

Excused: 1 -

Amy T. Overby

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 16, 2009

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Mullins, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A motion was made by Wilhelm, seconded by Ragland, to move Item #3 on the agenda to the end. The motion passed by voice vote.

4 Discuss with MSA/"3" on Phase 1 of Park Implementation

Mike Statz, MSA, Project Manager, introduced himself, Jaime Kurten (MSA) and Ken Saiki (Ken Saiki Design) as part of engineering and landscape team on Phase 1 of the Central Park implementation. KKJW will be doing the electrical work. Lorna Jordan has been chosen as the Public Artist. Great Lakes Archeological Research Center out of Milwaukee has been hired for the historical and archaeological surveys. Mr. Statz distributed a Project Schedule. They will be holding a Utility Coordinating meeting in March. The next four items on the schedule involve the Railroad. The biggest obstacle is getting the Office of Commissioner of Railroads (OCR) on board with what they are doing. The Few Street crossing is very important. City Engineering is working on some other crossings with the Railroad. If there is an adopted

Corridor Plan, the OCR will be more acceptable with the crossing. If they don't get agreement from the Railroad, this won't happen until 2011. The OCR will look for public feedback.

Mr. Statz asked the Task Force to introduce themselves. He stated that he looks forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Loon stated that rolling all the other crossings with the Few Street crossing could be a problem for the neighborhood.

Mr. Statz stated that the OCR looks at safety of crossings, gates, etc.

Mr. Mullins asked which the other three streets are. Mr. Olinger responded Brearly, Blount and Livingston are what Wisconsin and Southern are petitioning to close.

Mr. Statz stated that environmental documentation for the area is needed for the Railroad coordination. We can't go much further with final design of the Corridor until the Railroad hearing is done and accepted. They will be working on hazardous material, historical and archaeological surveys, Railroad report and preparing information they need for the OCR hearings.

Alder Rummel asked that the June 30th meeting regarding OCR Public Testimony be held at Research Products.

Mr. Olinger stated the track to the north is a spur line serving MG&E. He asked if OCR has anything to do with that if a crossing were proposed there in the future. Mr. Statz responded that he would check on it.

Mr. Barker suggested that if we can't get a crossing at Few Street, to flip the plan 90 degrees.

Mr. Olinger stated the Few Street right-of-way does not go all the way through to Main.

Mr. Statz stated there will be a public meeting in July after we hear from OCR. There are Federal guidelines because of the stimulus money involved in the project.

Mr. Loon asked what OPM stands for. Mr. Statz responded Operational Planning Meeting. There will also be a combined meeting with the Utilities involved in the project.

- 4a Introductions
- 4b Process
- 4c Railroad Coordination
- 4d Public Artist Selection

4e [17447](#) Schedule for 2010

3b [17532](#) Report of Ald. Rummel to add "Art Walk" map and text as part of Final Report
Mr. Olinger stated that people from Engineering, "3," DPCED, and Parks interviewed three environmental public artists. The consensus was Lorna Jordan of Seattle, Washington. She was most prepared, and the most dynamic. Mark distributed a copy of her PowerPoint presentation to for the Task Force to review.

Mr. Statz stated that Ms. Jordan is very eager to get going.

Mr. Olinger stated that the intent of engaging Ms. Jordan was to infuse the entire design process - have the artist as an element of the overall design team early in the process; to help the design team, the Task Force, and community think about these things in a broader context.

4f New Concerns/Ideas for Design Team

Ms. Schroeder stated she is confused about the presence of the off-street bike path on the plan. She thought we had decided against this.

Mr. Barker stated the plan also shows the "egg beater" windmills. These elements will be amended as more detailed plans are developed. Mr. Barker also noted that design should include edible landscaping, sustainability, and alternative transportation.

Alder Rummel stated that she is not sure how she feels about the living wall. It's contingent on the crossing.

Mr. Sensenbrenner asked if there are any transportation stimulus monies relevant to the park now.

Mr. Olinger stated to the east, yes but high speed rail is not anticipated in the area. There has also been a notice of funding availability from an organization that the City has participated in the past having to do with arts in public facilities. He suggested we apply to help augment the public works side. There is nothing identified in the budget specifically for the design and installation of art in the project so this could be useful. Letters of interest are due in less than a month.

Mr. Barker suggested we keep flexibility in mind in case the OCR says no. That's our biggest concern at this point.

Ms. Schroeder asked where the playground and gardens come in specifically. Specific interested group can help fundraise for it. She asked where it comes in on the phasing plan.

Alder Rummel stated she has been meeting with Skate Park advocates. She

has had an official meeting with Tom Dunbar, who designed several skate parks in Iowa. Draft language suggests the skate park advocates will do all the fundraising for this. She asked if this seems fair or realistic.

3 Final Report Update

3a Review and discuss Final Report with update on schedule

Mr. Olinger distributed a draft of the final report. The original intent was to try to have the final report introduced next Tuesday, February 23. That will not happen. It will be introduced on March 2nd. A Resolution will go before Council to ask the Council: 1) To accept the final report as the blueprint and element of City's Comprehensive Plan. 2) Ask the Task Force to stay together in 2010 to assist in the implementation phase. 3) Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign the MOU.

They are still working on some language of the MOU. He asked if the CRC needs to take action. Mr. Sensenbrenner responded yes. Mr. Olinger stated we need to have the parties agree to the terms and conditions of the MOU. The Final Report includes Appendix A, initial preliminary report from June 2008. Appendix B is the Master Plan by "3." Appendix C is the MOU. He has not recommended any changes to Master Plan by "3." We don't have funds to change the plans, but moved the safety plan to the front of the document with the other plan views to improve consistency. The final report puts all documents in one location.

The MOU was presented at the end of last year. Two small changes have been made. #1 - Conveyance will be a conveyance of gifting. Offer to gift real estate to the City by CRC. The last thing on paragraph 4.2 - notices to City, CRC and Central Park Skate, LLC. Doug was not listed. MOU will go into resolution.

He asked a Formatting question - he would like to edit where entire Central Park Task Force is listed. He would like to remove some to help document flow. Task Force concurred with his request.

Alder Rummel stated where the Skate Park advocates are mentioned on page 3, c, the skate park timing depends on the timing of the skate park group. She asked if we can do other fundraising and not just the Skate Park LLC.

Mr. Barker suggested taking that sentence out. Task Force agreed to remove.

Mr. Briski stated that the Parks Division would collaborate with our skate park partners pending City approval, budgeting, etc. Certainly for maintenance, the Parks Division will be a partner.

Alder Rummel brought up sentence in C about the educational materials. She suggests art all along the corridor. She distributed a map that she would

like made a part of the record.

Mr. Olinger stated that the map was designed to be printed out at a larger scale. The magenta points are where Parks Division thought installation of some type of art would be a good idea.

Mr. Bauer stated that after meeting with Aids. Rummel and Clausius a year ago, he took a City base map and highlighted publicly owned spaces that were unusable for anything other than public art, e.g., abandoned right-of-ways, park parcels, etc., starting from Blair/Williamson all the way to Highway 51. It was intended to be printed at a larger scale.

Mr. Olinger stated he will work with Bill on the map for inclusion in Final Report.

Mr. Barker stated he supports this idea and gave a talk at the Olbrich. It was very well received by folks. It's a good idea to put it in the plan.

Alder Rummel said she has met twice with Dr. Evermor. He has some ideas for sculptures for Central Park. She will try and work with him to see where that goes.

Alder Clausius stated he would like to see it expanded to the Far East side. Marsha is doing a good job of bringing art into the neighborhoods.

Mr. Barker stated that any further suggested changes to the Final Report should be emailed to Nancy.

5 Schedule of Future Task Force Meetings

The Task Force is scheduled to meet the third Wednesday of the month. As the Final Report will not be before Council, Mr. Olinger stated he is not sure we need a March meeting. Mr. Olinger identified the following referrals for the Final Report:

1. Pedestrian/Bicycle Motor Vehicle Commission
2. Plan Commission
3. Park Commissioners
4. Madison Arts Commission
5. Board of Estimates
6. Community Gardens

It probably won't come back to Council until the second meeting in April or first meeting in May. We need to have this adopted for the record prior to having anything before the OCR. Mr. Olinger would put a tentative schedule together and give to Task Force

Mr. Barker stated that for Garver Feed Mill, he went around to all the committees. He doesn't anticipate any big boulders during the referral process. He is willing to go to the meetings. He would be glad to have

anyone else from the Task Force accompany him.

6 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.