

UNIVERSITY AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS AND ARTWalk 2 ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT

Steering Committee Meeting April 06, 2009 | Bergmann Associates MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Paul Way	Mckenzie Keenan
Tom Lichtenthal	Marjorie Searl (via phone)
Sue Steele	Debora McDell-Hernandez
William Cochran (via phone)	Deb Jacobson
Teresa Cochran (via phone)	Barbara Fox
Paul Kramer	Steve Beauvais

The following is a brief summary of the items discussed, decisions reached and action items from this meeting. The hand-outs from this meeting include the project schedule, cost estimate and funding source document, and revised graphic illustrating proposed plan elements included in the cost estimate. All hand-outs from the meeting are attached.

1. Tom updated the attendees on the 3.8 million in TEP funding that was awarded to the project.

- It was explained that this 3.8M is in place of the expected 2.4M in TEP funds that we had originally asked for. This has given the project an additional 1.4M in funds.
- Paul explained that this will allow us to build most, but not all of the elements that have been developed and illustrated in previous plans.
- A requirement of this TEP stimulus money is that the construction documents must be complete by mid-February 2010.
- Paul mentioned that he would still like MAG and the City to contribute funds as expected, prior to TEP award, in order to have a more substantial project.

2. Tom reviewed the cost estimate and current plans with the committee.

- Deb would like to know what the cost would be to extend the sidewalk along East Ave and connect to the RMSC entry sidewalk? Is concerned that the RMCS will appear left out of the project.
- Tom mentioned that those costs would result in the loss of another element of design.
- Bergmann will look into the costs and report back at the next meeting.

3. Steve explained that the TEP funding must include, at a minimum, the items described in the original TEP funding application.

- These key project elements are:
 1. ARTWalk 2 Sidewalk – from SOTA to N Goodman
 2. ARTWalk 2 Sidewalk – from University Ave to RMSC + ROW acquisition
 3. ARTWalk 2 Sidewalk and Ribbon Wall – from University Ave to College Ave. + ROW acquisition Costs
 4. Raised Ped crossing at N. Goodman and College Ave.
 5. Artistic Bus Shelter at College Ave and N Goodman
 6. Pedestrian Welcome Plaza (MAG) + ROW acquisition costs

- Engineering costs are NOT included in the application, if funds are left over, it can be applied to engineering costs (as long as items from the original application are still included)

4. Schedule was reviewed

- The schedule provided is preliminary; it will be refined as soon as we receive approval at City Council in May and have a contract with the City.

5. Sue explained the importance of role of the steering committee members to reach out to neighborhood residents.

- The group agreed that as representatives of various organizations it is important to spread the word about status of the project to the individual organizations.
- It was explained that if there are questions/concerns about the project from individuals, we should address them during our meetings.
- The group agreed that as soon as we get approval to move forward (have a signed contract) we need to have a meeting with the community and bring them back into the project.

6. Next Meeting

We will meet after the city council meeting and review a refined schedule and for the project.

ACTION ITEMS:

Bergmann:

- Evaluate the cost associated with including an ARTWalk sidewalk along RMSC frontage.
- Revise and finalize costs and plans for city council meeting.
- Submit design report by the end of the month.
- Send out invites and agenda for next Steering Committee meeting.
- Revise schedule after council meeting

ARTWalk:

- Confirm the status of the Robach funds.
- Determine if ARTWalk professional development lecture series can/should be a coordinated effort with the ARTWalk 2 project.

NEXT MEETING:

May 20, 2009 at 3:00 PM at Arts and Cultural Council, Sue Steele will send invite.

The above constitutes our understanding of issues discussed and decisions reached at this meeting. Please notify the undersigned, in writing, with any errors or omissions.

Best regards,

BERGMANN ASSOCIATES



SUE STEELE

PROJECT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

cc: All Steering Committee Members (via email)