

Center of the City Task Force
09/18/19

Call to Order

4:06

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Notes

Revisions made and updated version will be sent to Heather

Review Ground Rules and Purpose

Dedicated primarily to working group reports

Information Sharing

Meagan: Lori has resigned from task force

Jeff: Bring name forward, possibly from list names of original applications

Alan: highly recommend Alice Ralph

Carolyn: if there is a candidate who seems qualified we should invite him/her to sit in on our meeting before confirmed

Hannah: uncomfortable with us giving recommendations to Jeff and Julie, possibility that we introduce bias into decision making

Heather: discussion between First Martin and City Admin. Have requested that the alleys become public.

Jeff: from Parks Advisory Commission from yesterday's meeting:

Resolution on where to allocate funds from parks fairness resolution.

Staff recommendations: Community action network, Ann Arbor Skate Park (at Vets park) lights and lighting . (5 to 1 fundraising match), Bridge Repairs, holding 150,000 until May 2020 for any new project.

Alan: International Days of Peace this weekend. Will be a deca-dome there, could be a good opportunity to see how this space might be used as a public meeting space.

Review Library Block History

Norman provided PowerPoint presentation

Reports and Action Plans from Working Groups

[reviewed proposals as provided in packet]

Tasks:

1. Compile examples of public private partnerships
2. Compile examples of governance models (conservancy, etc.)

3. Explore mixes of use that meet vision
4. Explore various financing that work with the different modes of governance
5. Test neighborhood 'survey' and meet with neighbors
6. Figure out how to get a representative sampling

Questions:

1. Everyone okay with values of vision
2. Everyone okay with bringing up controversial uses?
3. What is the public engagement approach we should use?
 - a. Invitation and outreach

Discussion:

Participation should not be burdensome: go to the community instead of expecting them to come to us

Alan: should be an invitation to all to participate. Emphasis on sending out mailing

Heather: would recommend against mailings

Public engagement plan discussion:

Plan for 2 meetings initially with smaller outreach events to be decided later. One large 'phase one' and one large 'phase two' meeting.

Other Items

Develop Next Meeting Agenda

Public Comment

Sustainability subgroup should consider cultural sustainability

What is the character of the site?

What is the history of resources of this site?

How may we preserve these?

Hopes that in consideration of replacement for Lori that you fill in her shoes of knowledge of greenspace

Additionally, Lori was one of the neighbor representatives

Ann Arbor has uninspired architecture

Columbus, Indiana. Great example of inspired architecture in a small city.

Warns against sacrificing inspiration for political palatability

Will this site be a place that people come to from all over to be inspired?