

CTC Meeting 11/13/19

Call to order

Roll call

Approval of agenda

Public comment

Will Hathaway: congrats on all the hard work and job well done. Pleased with turnout and diversity of views expressed. Aware that lots of people were stopping by Decadome—think it's great. Eaton's resolution: has had communication with councilmember Eaton, would be happy to answer questions. Understanding that it's a response to and effort of city administrator. View of it: is a positive step: part of rationale is to preempt recommendation taskforce to give them a place to land. Meant to anticipate and continue momentum of this taskforce.

Odile Haber: Thinks that the community

Park in middle of city but city

Eric Lipson: event had great energy. DecaDome went well lots of interaction there. Kudos to John and Alan for manning the dome. Park office: help to solve eyes of the park problem.

Elaine: conversations with skeptics and naysayers. Good to have people on both sides of the argument.

Approval of minutes

Approval of notes

Review ground rules and purpose

Information sharing

Heather: Draft resolution from Eaton. Administrator advised us to give comments to council directly.

Ann: encouraging to see movement pursued on this. Concerned that there is some intimations of activities on site. Suggestions were innocuous

Norm: there were too many assumptions being made about the taskforce.

Hannah: echoes concerns that this is preemptive. When will this resolution be introduced? Tentatively Dec. 12.

Alan: Pedestrian connectivity has always been part of discussion. Does not think that these are unfounded assumptions. Looking for partnerships with DDA and governance structures.

Jeff: yes they may be assumptions, but if this is supposed to remain as city property, these easements would be pursued regardless of recommendation.

Heather: has put out online survey yesterday. 247 responses. Some glitches.

Alan: has been in conversation with Neutral Zone to see how we might get more teenager engagement

John: meet with DeLonis Center. Wanted to involve the community directly. Loved 2 ideas: establishing park ambassador, possibility of city buying house on first martin property and using first floor as a helping center

Importance of engaging the homeless in activities. Culture of hope: place to talk with friends, restroom/shower, go home to an apartment, attend craft/arts workshop.

Appreciations

Recap and Reflection

Open house:

of people 122, likely 150

DecaDome:

Received 350 feedback forms

Alan: not really a need for quantitative analysis, should be getting our impressions on feedback

Norm: agrees with Alan. Doesn't feel the need to read 1000 feedback, can get an impression from reading a smaller sample.

Dean: shall we delegate a subgroup?

Meaghan: happy to work with Dean and Hannah on working out a strategy to analyze this data.

Are we getting all the voices we need to reach to make a comprehensive view.

Ann: glad that Alan has reached out to Neutral Zone.

Alan: talked with people at Neutral Zone, they are interested but we need to go to them.

Jeff: do we need to talk to public works folks. Police and fire department.

John: Sergeant Mills, community engagement officer. Has been reaching out to them.

Norm: heard from community engagement; not a lot of diversity on taskforce—need to reach out to black community.

John: more groups; downtown business owners. Main and State street association. Fire department. Residents, especially student residents.

Alan: Native American population

Hannah: we should reach out to the GetDowntown program. I can contact Kelly and see if she might send out survey to email list.

Public: disabled community

Norm: talked with someone from First Martin. Not opposed to hearing from us, but might not have response.

Targeted mailings

Alan: think there is great potential for engagement, but not a baseline of knowledge. Are we looking for data points or for participation?

Norman: thinks we can get representation from certain groups by asking certain point people to talk with us—presentations on topics that are relevant to us. We need to soon start talking with one another instead of continual reach out

Ann: feels time pressure. Need to make sure that this has a net-zero impact on the community.

Alan: thinks that our mission now is to engage the entire city before we give a recommendation to the city council. Most people are not aware of this

Miles: questions about some online tools. Do we have means to find out where geographically people are answering surveys from.

Meghan: this question of targeted mailing has been on the agenda for a while. Do we have a motion to resolve this issue?

Alan: still thinks that we continue with a targeted mailing.

Dean: shall we put together a subgroup to formulate the text and mode of distribution

Ann: agrees that there a lot of people that have no idea about the taskforce and the lot.

Alan: vision question is part of this document.

Task force relationship with library conservancy

Meghan: what is the relationship between this partner and this taskforce, not with the conservancy and the space.

Alan: first put this forward for the mailing. Thinks we would be strengthened by partnering with community organizations. LGC has done outreach on this issue. Possibly sharing a staff person, to look at programming of this space in interim.

Miles: LGC has been important in process so far. Is there precedent for doing this in the past. Would this be helpful or hurtful to our recommendation to council.

John: can we look at this partnership question in a broader way. Understanding that we were engaging with all stakeholders. Doesn't mean that we favor those groups.

Alan: if issue of mailing comes up again potential for partnership reemerges

Hannah: Outright opposes partnership with LGC if a mailing indeed happens. Thinks it's inappropriate to put another organization's logo on our mailing

Other

Date/location for next community

Possibility of inviting speakers

Norm: 2 meetings from now we should dedicate to speakers to give 10 minutes to share their input.

Alan: wants to hear from people speak to the commons and not those individuals in the business of privatization.

Hannah: should also reach out to Missy Stults

Meghan: motion to invite speakers to come to the next two meetings. Will refine list over meeting.

Conversation for next open house engagement: push that to email conversation.

Develop next meeting agenda

Circle back to Eaton's resolution

Dive into discussion on feedback

Speakers

Reflecting on meeting schedule

Targeted mailing

Subgroup updates

Public comment

Will Hathaway: agrees with Hannah about mailing partnership wit LGC. Resolution recognizes the reality that all these processes take time and this resolution can help to lay foundation. Not meant to preempt.

Odile: antagonist reaction to LGC, without this group you wouldn't be here. Thank you for the good job that you're doing.

Adjournment