

Staff Meeting Notes: March 21, 2011 CDAC Meeting

Committee members present:

Kurt Schmoke, chair	Ann Jensen
Gene Godley, vice-chair	Gary Jobson
Adriana Apolito-Bevis	Rhonda Pindell-Charles
Karen Theimer Brown	Orlando Ridout
Joe Budge	Joseph Rubino
Catherine Durkan	Chris Schein
Debbie Gosselin	Gary Schwerzler
Matt Grubbs	Peggy Summers
John Guild	Robert Waldman
Kitty Higgins	Chance Walgran

City Staff present:

Virginia Burke	Lily Openshaw
Sally Nash	Lisa Grieco
Flip Walters	Lisa Craig
Frank Biba	Iain Banks

15 members of the public were in attendance and Aldermen Arnett and Israel were also in attendance.

The meeting began at 7:00.

II. Design Plans for Hopkins Plaza – presentation by Lily Openshaw, Department of Public Works and Gary Schwerzler, Project Architect.

- A primary goal of the plaza re-design is to open up access to the plaza, and organize the space. Important to the design is a central aisle through the plaza to the doors of the Market House.
- CDAC was asked for letter of support for a grant application the City will submit to the Maryland Historical Trust. Grant would support the completion of the plaza design and construction.

III. Stakeholders for Transportation and Parking:

- Dave Humphreys, Executive Director of Annapolis Region Transportation Management Association (ARTMA). Believes 1) the Memorial Circle round-about doesn't work because traffic backs up into it; 2) the Dock area needs to become a comfortable pedestrian environment; 3) the Dock area needs to make provisions for shared transportation of all sorts – places for transit of various sorts to stop and board passengers and circulate efficiently.
- Dean Johnson, Chair, Transportation Board and former Mayor. Transportation Board believes it is important to plan for the modern city, which includes parking.

- Chance Walgran, Parking Commission. Parking Commission believes there is sufficient parking downtown, but it needs to be managed better.

IV. Presentation of “Bicycle, Automotive and Pedestrian Safety Study” a study commissioned by Planning & Zoning with participation by the Public Works and Transportation Departments. Presentation given by Paul Silberman of Sabra, Wang & Associates and RJ Eldridge of Toole Design Group.

Comments and questions by committee:

- Pedstrians cross randomly at the Randall/Dock Street intersection. Could this be controlled better with a light?
- Prince George Street could be vulnerable to the impacts of a re-route of traffic.
- What is the purpose of altering the direction of traffic flow Market Space? It would remove the left turn lane from Randall into Market Space, which would simplify the Randall/Dock street intersection.
- Are there legal ramifications to removing Memorial Circle?
- Concerns about aesthetics if new traffic lights are to be installed in these significant view areas.

The next CDAC meeting will be April 11, 2011. The Committee will discuss Theme C: History and building on the past.

The meeting ended at 8:50.