

Staff Meeting Notes: June 14, 2012 CDAC Meeting

Committee members present:

Kurt Schmoke, chair	John Guild
Adriana Apolito-Bevis	Ann Jensen
Karen Theimer Brown	Pearce O’Doherty
Joe Budge	Rhonda Pindell-Charles
Anthony Clarke	Gary Schwerzler
Catherine Durkan	Peggy Summers
Matt Grubbs	

Consultant team members present:

Christopher Jakubiak	Stuart Sirota
Caroline Moore	Jay Graham
Skip Graffam	Jennifer Birkeland
Greg Burrell	

City Staff present:

Sally Nash	Lisa Grieco
Flip Walters	

12 members of the public in attendance.

At 7:00, the Jakubiak team gathered the Committee members together and divided them into three groups for a walking tour of City Dock. Eight observation points had been identified before hand, and each group took turns at each point.

At 8:30, the Committee reconvened to discuss their impressions and observations. Several Committee members remarked that they had noticed how difficult it was to see the water. The view is blocked at several vistas by buildings and vegetation. Other observations from Committee members and members of the public:

- The narrowness of the sidewalks at several key locations was noted
- Memorial Circle—its height/grading greatly impedes views of the water
- Management of the space overall is very important (specifically in terms of maintenance of vegetation and keeping the area clean)
- Any changes at City Dock will depend on the success of private-public partnerships
- It’s important to engage the public and to get the opinions of tourists

The Jakubiak team focused on three areas—Compromise Street Corridor, Market Space, and Dock Street. For Compromise Street there was discussion of how to activate the street side and water side of this stretch. Ideas included adding retail along Compromise Street and re-working the Newman Park Plaza. For Market Space, there was discussion about Memorial Circle and how it could be reconfigured and whether Market Space should be primarily for pedestrians. For Dock Street, there was discussion about shortening the distance between buildings and the water and widening the boardwalk.

The Jakubiak team reminded the Committee about the public workshop on June 28 and encouraged Committee members to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.