

Staff Meeting Notes: June 20, 2011 CDAC Meeting

Committee members present:

Kurt Schmoke, chair	Matt Grubbs
Gene Godley, vice-chair	Ann Jensen
Adriana Apolito-Bevis	Orlando Ridout
Karen Theimer Brown	Chris Schein
Joe Budge	Gary Schwerzler
Anthony Clarke	Peggy Summers
Catherine Durkan	Robert Waldman
Debbie Gosselin	

City Staff present:

Jon Arason	Virginia Burke
Sally Nash	Frank Biba
Flip Walters	

3 members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting began at 7:08.

- I. The chair welcomed Committee members
- II. The Committee discussed the draft report section “Introduction and Vision.”
Suggestions for the draft included adding:
 - a map of the study area
 - background information on the Committee
 - a sense of how City Dock is not working (assigned to a Committee member to write)
 - general preference for “enhance” to describe vision for the area
 - more history and context for the City Dock area (assigned to a Committee member to write)
 - note the areas that have changed (from Craig Street to Susan Campbell park particularity)
 - a discussion on how to expand the view of the water
- III. General report discussion—suggestions for the draft included adding:
 - much more discussion of the water and the importance of the water, especially the area where the land and the water merge.
 - a discussion of undergrounding utility lines
 - language to emphasize the importance of aesthetics
 - language to emphasize the importance of vitality of business district
 - not recommending large public space for large events; prefer smaller spaces, diversity of spaces, “hospitable” spaces, opportunities for spontaneous uses and facilitating “interaction”

- IV. In terms of next steps, the Committee discussed the establishment of a public-private entity that would manage City Dock. The Chair discussed the development of the Baltimore Harbor and how that was accomplished and funded.

The Committee also discussed the idea of hiring a design team to develop the Committee's ideas on paper or a design competition to see a variety of creative design solutions. Discussion of a management entity to be in place before specific design ideas are pursued.

The Committee also discussed the July 21st presentation to City Council and what 4 or 5 things should be emphasized. Some suggestions included:

- making Market Space aesthetically pleasing, especially with different types of paving material to replace asphalt after upcoming construction
- focusing first on temporary improvements that could be made to the Donner Lot
- focus on the big picture goals of the CDAC report and offer some suggestions about steps toward achieving those goals.

The Committee then discussed parking and potential changes to the Hillman Garage and the possibility of the Green Street Garage.

For the next meeting, Planning and Zoning will work up some talking points for the City Council presentation.

The next CDAC meeting will be on July 18, 2011 (if needed). The Committee will be meeting at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center at Truxtun Park at 7:00 pm.

The Committee's initial report to City Council on goals and principles is scheduled for July 21 at 2:30.

The meeting ended at 8:50.