

Staff Meeting Notes: October 19, 2011 CDAC Meeting

Committee members present:

Kurt Schmoke, chair	Ann Jensen
Gene Godley	Rhonda Pindell-Charles
Adriana Apolito-Bevis	Orland Ridout
Karen Theimer Brown	Joe Rubino
Joe Budge	Chris Schein
Anthony Clarke	Gary Schwerzler
Dick D'Amato	Peggy Summers
Catherine Durkan	Robert Waldman
Debbie Gosselin	
Matt Grubbs	

City Staff present:

Jon Arason	Lisa Grieco
Flip Walters	Mary Beth Dreusike (intern)
Virginia Burke	

4 members of the public were in attendance.

I. Announcements by the Chairman

- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 9, NOT November 2 as printed on the agenda.
- Comments from the Historic Preservation Commission on the Phase 1 Report were distributed; to be discussed at a future meeting.
- Carol Nethen West has met with Mayor Cohen about inviting the head of the National Endowment for the Arts to Annapolis to speak.

II. The Committee heard a presentation by Josh Smith of Sabra Wang & Associates. Further refinement of the concepts and traffic analysis for Memorial Circle was presented, building on the *Bicycle, Automotive and Pedestrian Safety Evaluation (BAPSE), May 2011*. The presentation will be posted on the CDAC web page.

- This study analyzed Options 1 and 2a & 2b as written in the BAPSE study. This study specifically focused on: Public Space and Access, Safety (perceived and actual), Aesthetics, Business Access, and Roadway Capacity.
- Options 1 or 2a are preferred over 2b.

Comments and questions by the Committee:

- Take note of surge of traffic when St. Mary's lets out ~ 3pm weekdays.
- Parking Zone 7 is 15min. parking and is thought to "always have space available" which is good for drive-by businesses like the liquor store, and for local patrons.

- Would it be possible in Option 1 to adjust the cross walk over Randall Street to be in line with the cross walk coming across Market Space?
- Questions about viability of back-in parking on Main Street.
- In Option 2a, questions about the wisdom of retaining parking so close to the T-intersection. -- Parking spaces were retained here so as to minimize loss of parking spaces.
- In Option 1, the radius of the circle cannot be made any smaller because of the turning radius of vehicles that need to travel through.

III. Jon Arason requested feedback from the Committee on the *Draft* Master Plan Work Scope. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

IV. Sub-Committees & Next Steps

- Market House Seating Experiment - Bob Waldman reviewed the Seating Experiment that took place during Boat Shows outside the Market House. Overall the experiment was a success. A written report will be prepared by P&Z shortly.
- Hopkins Plaza Design Committee – Gary Schwerzler gave an update on the sub-committee’s first meeting and the design ideas under discussion. The next sub-committee meeting will take place October 21, 2011. The goals are to de-clutter the plaza and create a plaza that will lead users and pedestrians into the Market House.
- Green Street Garage – Joe Budge reported that the sub-committee had a first organizational meeting. The group will look at the pros and cons of the various garage proposals to date.
- Matt Grubbs: Proposes developing further the policy recommendations for the Compromise Street Gateway.
- Alderman Israel may be introducing legislation calling for a new zoning designation for the City Dock area .

The next CDAC meeting will be on November 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center at Truxtun Park.