

**Staff Meeting Notes: November 22, 2010 CDAC Meeting**

Committee members present:

Kurt Schmoke, chair	Catharine Incaprera
Gene Godley, vice-chair	Ann Jensen
Adriana Apolito-Bevis	Gary Jobson
Karen Theimer Brown	Joseph Rubino
Joe Budge	Chris Schein
Anthony Clarke	Gary Schwerzler
Dick D'Amato	NT Sharps
Catherine Durkan	Peggy Summers
Debbie Gosselin	Robert Waldman
Matt Grubbs	Chance Walgran
John Guild	Carol Nathen West
Kitty Higgins	

City Staff present:

Virginia Burke  
Sally Nash  
Flip Walters

16 members of the public were in attendance

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

ULI Recap: City staff:

- The ULI presentation was organized similar to how CDAC's process is envisioned: 1<sup>st</sup>: the organizing ideas, or goals (ULI focused on: transforming from auto-dominated to pedestrian-focused, the public realm, and a parking strategy). Those goals were followed by design ideas to achieve those goals.
- ULI's presentation is on the City website – both a video recording and the powerpoint slides. The City will receive the written report in 4-6 weeks and will make it available also.

ULI Recap: Committee members' impressions:

- 3 important ideas were expressed by ULI: 1-retail is a draw for locals and visitors; 2-Annapolis City Dock is authentic, others try to imitate what we have; 3-create more water.
- Do we have data about what people come downtown for? (Most of our data is anecdotal, eg. "to feed the ducks".)
- Some of the ULI recommendations were at direct odds with HPC standards, eg. Relaxing height standards.
- Liked idea of an organization devoted to City Dock & tracking economic data.
- Missing from ULI recommendation: public art, Bay water quality.

- ‘Market potential’ also means ‘what draws people to a place’. Programming attracts people, not just the design of the public space.
- ULI recommended *managing* parking differently, not adding new parking.
- Events, noise, crowds can be trying for downtown residents.
- Appreciated the “let’s imagine” approach by ULI, which generated some new ideas, eg. Fountain (skating rink?), enlarging the harbor.
- Aware that programming recommendations involve providing City services, which involves current and future budgets, staffing, management commitments.

List of six themes from the Nov. 3 meeting:

- Consensus may already exist around a few main ideas: 1- a new public space, 2- more efficient circulation flow, 3-getting to the water.
- Missing from the list of themes:
  1. “A new public space” that... attracts; is flexible to allow a diversity of uses; is exciting; interacts with and is sensitive to existing businesses; functions as a gathering and dispersing place.
  2. “Connecting to the land” – the character of the Dock is defined by a diversity of boats and boaters; the boating community needs access to the land.
- Comments on the six identified themes:
  - ‘Transportation and parking’: need efficient flow. ‘Congestion’ is rare but people perceive parking to be difficult or non-existent.
  - ‘Connecting to the water’: need more ways to get to the water.
- Other comments: “Ego Alley” should have an official name change to “Market Slip,” which is how it is referred to on nautical maps.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.