

Staff Meeting Notes: February 7, 2011 CDAC Meeting

Committee members present:

Kurt Schmoke, chair	Matt Grubbs
Gene Godley, vice-chair	Kitty Higgins
Adriana Apolito-Bevis	Ann Jensen
Karen Theimer Brown	Orlando Ridout
Joe Budge	Joseph Rubino
Anthony Clarke	Chris Schein
Dick D'Amato	Gary Schwerzler
Catherine Durkan	Peggy Summers
Debbie Gosselin	Carol Nethen West

City Staff present:

Jon Arason	Flip Walters
Sally Nash	Lisa Craig

11 members of the public were in attendance

The meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

The Chair began the meeting by explaining that the agenda for the evening was to hear from six stakeholders. City Staff also explained that stakeholder letters and emails were handed out to Committee members for them to review.

The presentations were structured around two of the Committee's seven main themes. The first was Theme B: Residents/ tourists/ businesses needs. The stakeholders who spoke to this theme were:

- Jeff Schaub, owner of Annapolis Marine Art in downtown Annapolis. Mr. Schaub spoke about the importance of access to City Dock. He also mentioned that special events can hurt his business because it prevents his customers from being able to get to his store.
- Fred Delavan, attorney for Chandler LLC, the owners of the property at 110 Compromise Street. Mr. Delavan described this property and the history of its zoning. He also described a proposed ordinance that has been introduced that would allow more uses at that property.
- Jane Campbell-Chambliss, downtown business owner, appraiser, and auctioneer. Ms. Campbell-Chambliss voiced support of keeping Susan Campbell Park intact. She stressed the importance of parking and said that it shouldn't be taken away without being replaced somewhere else. She also mentioned that it is very important to have a safe drop-off and pick-up place for children and seniors getting on and off buses. Like Mr. Schaub, she stated that festivals did not help local business people.
- Debbie Gosselin, owner of Watermark in downtown Annapolis. Ms. Gosselin described the services that Watermark offers, such as tours and water taxis. She

The Committee asked questions of the presenters. One presenter mentioned that it would benefit them, as business owners, if downtown was clean, attractive, and if all the retail spaces were full. The Committee then moved to the second theme.

The second theme was Theme E: Prominent public art. The stakeholders who spoke to this theme were:

- Suzie Geller, head of Muse Entertainment. Ms. Geller has organized many events on City Dock. She would like to see Annapolis become known as a center for the Arts. There are several ways she works with downtown vendors so that special events and festivals help them bring in customers.
- Carol Nethen West, community artist. Ms. Nethen West had a three-part proposal to bring art to Annapolis. She would like to see the Community Services Building, formerly the Annapolis Recreation Center, become an arts and community center. She would also like to see a public art policy implemented in the City, and an Office of Culture and the Arts be established within City Government.

Following these speakers, there were questions for the speakers and further discussion.

The next CDAC meeting will be February 28, 2011. The Committee will discuss themes G and F.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.