

Staff Meeting Notes: February 28, 2011 CDAC Meeting

Committee members present:

Kurt Schmoke, chair	Rhonda Pindell-Charles
Gene Godley, vice-chair	Orlando Ridout
Adriana Apolito-Bevis	Joseph Rubino
Karen Theimer Brown	Chris Schein
Joe Budge	Gary Schwerzler
Anthony Clarke	Peggy Summers
Catherine Durkan	Robert Waldman
Matt Grubbs	Chance Walgran
Ann Jensen	Carol Nethen West

City Staff present:

Jon Arason	Flip Walters
Virginia Burke	Frank Biba
Sally Nash	

7 members of the public were in attendance

The meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

The Chair began the meeting by saying there would be guest speakers from the Anne Arundel County Board of Education and the Sailing Hall of Fame, followed by three stakeholder presentations.

II. Guest Speakers

A. Presentation by the Board of Education on plans for the Annapolis Elementary School/Green Street site.

Alex Szachnowicz, Chief Operating Officer, presented along with Ran Ilkovitch, Jim Emr, and Greg Stewart.

- The parking lot behind the school and administrative building will be re-configured somewhat: 69 spaces will be reduced to 67; entrance/exit onto Compromise Street will move closer to Newman Street; parking lot will allow more efficient and safe queuing by parents dropping kids off.
- Next 15 months will be spent on review and obtaining permits and working out logistics and staging.
- Hope to begin construction in summer of 2012.
- School will be closed for 2 academic years while construction is underway – the 2012/13 and 2013/14 school years; school functions will be housed at Annapolis Middle for those 2 years. School will re-open in summer of 2014.
- Board of Ed is open to the City bringing a proposal for an alternate use of the parking lot, which would have to include any plans for financing and management.

B. Presentation by Sailing Hall of Fame

Lee Tawney, Director, and Joe Boggs, architect, presented.

- Streetscape provisions that encourage the “flow” of pedestrians from the water’s edge through the Dock area, and to & from Susan Campbell Park and the SHOF site would benefit this project.
- SHOF hopes to activate the end of Prince George Street (towards water’s edge).
- Requests CDAC to consider: “how to get people all the way down to the Dock?” - many visitors don’t make their way all the way to the water.
- Project is ~2 years from construction, and ~4 years from opening.
- SHOF is not dependent on the parking lot staying in its current configuration.

IV. Stakeholder presentations for Theme G: Creating a broader open and public space

Presentation by Reithlingshoefer & Smith

- Design ideas for the City Dock area

Presentation by Pearse O’Doherty

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- Questions from committee: relative expense of building an automated parking garage vs. a traditional parking garage vs. surface parking.

V. Stakeholder presentations for Theme F: Connecting to the water/connecting to the land

Presentation by Susan Zellers, Marine Trades Association

- The Boat Shows are a significant event for the Annapolis area economy, and unique in the maritime sector. Recommend that plans for the City Dock area not impinge on the Boat Shows.
- Changing trends in the boating world: boaters are looking for more activities and a variety of destinations within shorter trips.

III. Jon Arason, Planning Director

- Presented staff recommendation regarding O-36-10
- Committee supports the position that the text of the Waterfront Maritime Conservation (WMC) district should not be amended “piecemeal”, but should be looked at comprehensively across all 4 maritime zones.

VI. Discussion by Committee about the Committee’s role in regards to plans for Market House and the Hopkins Plaza. A memo from Mayor Cohen regarding Market House, dated February 28, 2011, was distributed to the Committee.

The next CDAC meeting will be March 21, 2011. The Committee will discuss Theme D: Transportation and parking.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.