

Minutes

Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee

Thurs, April 28, 2016, 5:30pm, Seventh Son, 1101 N. Fourth St.

Present: Andy Klein (Chair), Sherrill Massey, Rory Krupp, Michael Navarro,

Ben Goodman, Doreen Uhas Sauer, Robert Barksdale

Andy called the Streets Committee to order at 5:36 pm in the backroom at the brewery. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and say what signs of spring they most enjoy.

Eden Alley Improvements

Andy reported that he attended yesterday's open house at The Joseph where plans to repave Pearl between Russell and Poplar, and Eden Alley east of Pearl were presented. The city owns a triangular parcel which was cleared of mature trees planted as part of the Spring Sandusky remediation negotiated agreement between Italian Village Society and the city when I-670 was expanded 15 years ago. The lot has been used for construction parking for The Joseph, and is now a free for all. Plans include creating 24-6 parking spaces, installing a Stormtech SC 310 Chamber System drainage system made of virgin polypropylene resins, and construction of a sidewalk and installation of parking meters, along with seeding and mulching the unpaved portion of the site. Andy suggested the trees were improperly removed in violation of the remediation plan and should be replaced. Mike questioned whether sandstone curbs are part of the plan.

Sandstone Curbs Advocacy

Andy reported that the April Society meeting featured a full discussion of the sandstone curb advocacy plan, including urging city council to support sandstone curbs for the High Street makeover. The current plans apparently don't include sandstone, and IVS needs a seat at the table at meetings designing the High Street improvements. Andy will reach out Betsy Pandora on this subject.

Sidewalks and Curbs Survey

Michael reported that Christopher Vidoni emailed him that he's working with the city historic preservation office to get a GIS map to use for the project. Ben Shoemaker and Christopher are coordinating the survey, tentatively scheduled for June. Andy reported that he had updated the IV Commission on the status of the survey at their April meeting.

Permit Parking Moratorium

Andy distributed an email from Amanda Ford outlining the city's policy on expanding permit parking zones, in response to an inquiry at the April general meeting. It appears the city's changing its position from refusing to consider additional permit zones pending implementation of the parking study recommendations. Andy suggested we check with the Short North Civic Assn and Harrison West Society to see how they're dealing with requests for permit parking expansion. Michael prepared a summary of the latest parking study group update which Andy distributed.

UIRF Reconsideration

Andy noted that UIRF funds have been requested for E. Second and E. Fifth Avenues by both the University District and Milo-Grogan, and suggested we coordinate our updated request with theirs. Doreen suggested that the city's capital improvement budget could be another vehicle for collaboration, with Fifth Avenue as an ideal vehicle since it touches multiple neighborhoods. Robert noted that Milo Grogan is in the running for substantial funding through Greening America's Capitals, and the Smart Cities Initiative which would create a transportation ladder. Andy noted that Mark Wagenbrenner will be attending our May meeting to discuss the results of the traffic study for Jeffrey, and its implications on our UIRF funding request. He also noted that he had spoken at Michael Stinziano's community forum earlier today and raised the issue of coordinating our UIRF application with Weinland Park and Milo-Grogan.

Undesignating US 23

Andy distributed a summary of our year's worth of discussions on this topic, together with an email received this week from Marty Vitale, of AASHTO, (American Assn of State Highway and Transportation Officials) which has jurisdiction over changes to the state routing system. The email points us to ODOT, so Andy reached out to our state rep, Kristin Boggs, to be our advocate in this matter, and also raised the issue at the Stinziano forum earlier today.

Fourth Avenue Sidewalk Reconstruction

Andy noted he'd had a discussion this week with Mike Maloof, who is unhappy with the sidewalk reconstruction in front of his E. Fourth Avenue property. Andy noted that we've already discussed the work done, and he would consult with Stephanie Harris, who led our discussions with Columbia Gas and the city on this issue. A follow up email may be in order requesting a review of the problem.

Next meeting is May 26, 5:30pm.

Adjourned at 6:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Klein, Chair

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Next Meeting: 5:30 pm, Thursday, May 26, 2016 at Seventh Son, 1101 N. Fourt