

Minutes

Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee

Thurs, Feb. 25, 2016, 5:30pm, Seventh Son Brewery, 1101 N. Fourth St.

Present: Andy Klein (Chair), Rory Krupp, Isom Nivins, Chet Ridenour, Christopher Vidoni

Andy called the Streets Committee to order at 5:34 pm in the backroom at the brewery. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and say what they know about Joan Crawford. Andy distributed a flyer promoting the Cinema Revival Festival this week at the Wexner Center.

UIRF Reconsideration

Andy repeated his goal to coordinate our UIRF re-submission with Milo-Grogan and University. Isom reported that he spoke with the chair of the Milo-Grogan Area Commission, and they do not consider their list finalized. Isom also obtained from Mark Dravillas at the Dept of Development their approved \$1.0+ million list of projects for Milo-Grogan, which included multiple improvements to E. Second Avenue, including bike sharrows (\$14,000), sidewalks under the railroad overpass (\$232,000), curb repair (\$25,200), as well as street lights (\$34,650) and trees (\$47,000) throughout the neighborhood, and Cleveland Avenue decorative lighting (\$204,600), Milo Grogan Park improvements (\$200,000) and curb extensions for protected parking lanes (\$240,000) and curb ramps (\$19,800). We noted the potential for coordinating our UIRF proposal to include Second Avenue improvements, although the scope of those is yet to be determined.

Rory reported that the University Area Commission has all but approved submitting a request for \$2.5 million in UIRF funds, including a road diet for E. Fifth Avenue (\$40,000) between High and Fourth Streets, and decorative street lighting on that stretch (\$110,000) as well as street trees and sidewalks throughout the district, including a stretch of E. Sixth Avenue between Indianola and Summit where the city recently removed a street barrier.

Andy reported that he had email exchanges with Mark Wagenbrenner about the traffic study at 1st Avenue and Summit and Fourth Streets. He was unable to attend today's meeting. Andy noted that any UIRF proposal from us should incorporate the results of that traffic study. Andy also pointed out that sandstone curbs were not part of our original submission, but that we might want to reconsider that as well.

The discussion of UIRF will continue next month, to focus on clarifying 2nd Avenue's potential for bike lane or sharrows, what decorative lighting is planned for Fifth and Cleveland, what the Wagenbrenner traffic study concluded, and whether the city will fund sandstone curbs. Andy agreed to contact Mark Dravillas and cc Edward Johnson to let them know we are preparing a revised UIRF request and express our appreciation for that opportunity.

Parking Study Update

Chet Ridenour wearing his Car2Go hat requested access to Permit Zone I. He has received and forwarded one letter of support from a user in the affected streets, and counts 50-60 IV residents as users of Car2Go, with 7.5 members using the service each month on average. He reported ticketing in that small segment of Permit Area I near Bodega, and that the GIS is only accurate within a half block tolerance, so ending trips without triggering a warning to the driver is possible. Christopher suggested drafting a flyer and distributing it to affected neighbors, Chet agreed to work with Christopher on this, and explore other public outreach such as social media.

Sidewalk and Curb Survey

Andy distributed a sample excel spreadsheet for the survey provided by Sarah Marsom from German Village Society, and expressed his appreciation for her proactive help. Christopher agreed to look at using existing maps of IV to designate the blocks with unique numbers, perhaps through the historic preservation office.

Prescott Street Conversion/Pedestrianization

Andy reported that Jeff Bauer of the Borrer Companies and Connie Klema were pursuing changing the use of Prescott to enhance pedestrian safety for the new residents at Pearl and Prescott. They sought our support. Previous discussion at this committee recommended Prescott be one way westbound from Pearl to High, but during construction, the city reversed that one way flow. Borrer and the residents are now requesting a permanent change to traffic one way westbound from Kerr to Pearl, and one way eastbound from High to Pearl. The expressed ultimate goal is to make the intersection with High Street closed to vehicular use, and install art work in coordination with the Short North Alliance. We wondered whether we don't just advocate for the vehicle restriction at High rather than a half-measure. Andy agreed to contact Jeff for further discussion.

Meeting Schedule

Next meeting of the Streets Committee is Thursday, March 31, 2016, 5:30pm, Seventh Son Brewery, 1101 N. Fourth (SW Corner of Fourth and Fourth). The committee will continue to meet the last Thursday of the month thereafter through September with a final meeting of the year on December 1, all at Seventh Son in the backroom.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Andy Klein, (02/26/16)

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