

Minutes

Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee Thursday, November 19, 5:30pm, Seventh Son Brewery, 1101 N. Fourth St.

Present: Andy Klein (Chair), Rory Krupp, Isom Nivins, Stephanie Harris, Ben Goodman, Shiloh Todorov

Andy called the Streets Committee to order at 5:50 pm on the couch at the brewery. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and say what they'd like to see Italian Village Park used for in the future. Andy distributed copies of 3 proposals for a pavilion in the park that were presented to IVS last night.

Sandstone Curbs as Preferred Choice

Shiloh Todorov expressed her appreciation for the IVS endorsement at our October general meeting, and reported that she'd met with the Victorian Village Commission and Randy Black, and was scheduled to meet with the other architectural review commissions in December. She's been pleased with their response, especially Randy Black who appeared willing to advocate for its use in historic districts. The city, on its own, has identified another quarry, Briar Hill in Holmes County, that has a pre-cut product similar to our needs. Both quarries expressed willingness to donate sample installations. Rory reported that the University Area Commission is also on board. Shiloh noted how helpful Hassan the engineer at Public Service, and Jennifer Gallagher, deputy director, have been, but we need to persuade more officials. Isom suggested Alan Moran as a possibility, and will check into who the council chair of Public Service will likely be in 2016. Before turning to City Council, Shiloh suggested bringing developers on board as advocates, and Andy agreed to contact Jeff Bauer at Borrer Companies, Stephanie agreed to contact Mark Wood at the Wood Companies, Ben agreed to contact Kevin Lykens, and Rory to contact Brad Howe. Shiloh will make herself available to meet separately at the developers' convenience. Shiloh wondered whether the city's Development Department should have a role given the economic impact of historic neighborhoods, and noted that Brian Ross at the Convention Bureau is a strong advocate, recognizing this will help him sell historic neighborhoods to tourists. Shiloh noted that SNCA has been unresponsive, and SNA will not advocate on behalf of sandstone curbs, Betsy refusing to allow her board to even consider the matter. Rory will check with the Clintonville Area Commission on their position, and noted that the SNA has also been unresponsive to requests from the University Area Commission to attend their meetings and report on projects with UAC boundaries. Andy noted he has repeatedly requested SNA representation at IVS general and committee meetings, with little success.

Sidewalks on E. Fourth Avenue

Stephanie reported that she spoke with Columbia Gas's Beth Hupp and Mark Dunlap, that they will save original brick where possible and supplement it with additional brick, but will not change the materials so that entire side of the street becomes consistently brick. Ben asked if the owner can upgrade from concrete to brick, Stephanie agreed to find out their schedule for completion, locations of brick, and whether they're even aware that some stretches weren't brick. Ben asked if the City can notify the Society when these repairs occur, Isom said he can check on the notification process with his contact at Public Service.

Un-designating N. Fourth and Summit Streets as US 23

Andy read a note from Christopher Vidoni reporting he had written State Senator Charleta Tavares about US 23 and the transportation budget. No additional updates were available.

Parking Study Update

Stephanie reported an advisory group meeting's upcoming next week but hasn't seen an agenda.

UIRF Rejection of Complete Streets for Summit and N. Fourth

Edward Johnson, aide to Councilperson Hardin, at the September meeting, expressed a willingness to speak with the Dept. of Development about the UIRF rejected projects for IVS from earlier this year, and Andy sent the correspondence to him immediately after the meeting. Subsequently, Isom followed up with the Department of Development, and we received an email merely reiterating the city's prior rejection without any indication that Mr. Johnson fulfilled his promise to speak with them or that the city would reconsider its position rejecting Complete Streets Treatment for Summit and N. Fourth Streets.

Meeting Schedule

Next meeting of the Streets Committee is Thursday, January 28, 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, and Andy promised to check with Brian at Seventh Son to reserve the back room for those dates.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Andy Klein, (11/19/15)

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm, Thursday, January 28, 2016 at Seventh Son, 1101 N. Fourth St.