

Minutes

Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee Thurs, January 26, 2017, 5:30pm, Seventh Son, 1101 N. Fourth St.

Present: Andy Klein (Chair), Isom Nivins, Christopher Vidoni, Stephanie Harris, Mike Navarro, Doreen Uhas Sauer

Andy called the Streets Committee to order at 5:32 pm in the front room at the brewery over beer and Butterfingers, asking everyone to introduce themselves, and state their priorities for this committee for 2017. Identified priorities included the sidewalk and curb survey, a crosswalk at 3rd and Summit, moving the Milo-Grogan EPA plan forward, completing the parking study implementation, working with other neighborhoods on global issues, advancing green infrastructure, and addressing 4th Street rush hour congestion.

Short North Parking Study Update Mike reported that the study group met two weeks ago. The outlines of the permit parking plan are taking shape, and show all of IV west of N. 4th Street in the "I" Zone with hourly rates increasing the closer to High Street visitors would park. East of N. 4th St. would be "P" Zone and free to visitors to park. The group hopes to start finalizing the plan by March. Mike believes the original 2014 study is somewhat outdated. Concern that \$1.50/hour for the "red" zone closest to High Street is too low to discourage on street parking in favor of garage parking which is closer to \$2.50/hr. 3 hour parking is proposed, with renewals for shorter periods to encourage turnover by visitors. A few grandfathered High Street parking permits for residents will be reviewed, and those 8 or so residents would be given parking on a side street (Lincoln or Russell). Employee parking has been discussed, Betsy at the Short North Alliance has been in contact with Amanda and COTA to discuss extending the hours of operation of the Cbus to encourage employees' use. SNA studies have found that about 50% of employees drive to work in the Short North. Andy expressed his appreciation for Mike's update.

Sandstone Curbs Update Andy reported Shiloh Todorov of German Village Society provided the following updates today: the new materials committee approved sandstone curbs on December 19, and now James Young of Public Service is working on a draft policy statement, to address such issues as use on straightaways (vs. curves and ramps) and timing of replacements. The policy statement will be reviewed by the city and then interested parties before implementation. The city also expressed its intent that individual neighborhoods take responsibility for the curb surveys necessary to determine sandstone replacement locations. Andy noted that IV has been working almost a year to get a survey completed without success.

Utilities Easement Issues Shiloh noted that in response to utilities (i.e. cable and internet providers) running amok installing obtrusive boxes in historic districts, the city will implement a tweak to the permitting process requiring a signature from neighborhood organizations be obtained before installation of these devices, and that photos of the devices be provided to adjoining owners and occupants prior to issuing a permit to install.

I-670 Exit onto N. 4th Street Andy reported that Stephanie had arranged a meeting with Jason Sudy to review ODOT's 2010 study of options to redesign the I-670 westbound exit onto N. 4th Street. He reviewed the options, noting that creating a T-intersection with N. 4th created unacceptable back up problems on the highway, and that the only feasible (and cost effective)

alternative was removal of the current exit and improvement of the exit onto Convention Center Drive. We noted that St. John's Church, Wagenbrenner and Lykens developers should be consulted on their opinion of the matter, and that an economic impact studying the benefit of such a plan would be appropriate and might be paid for by the affected developers.

Third and Summit Crosswalk Stephanie reported that the city conducted an on site survey in August, 2016 which did not support the need for a crosswalk. While the city's policy is to wait 3 years between surveys, they agreed to do another on site survey in the spring due to multiple calls to 311 and an inquiry from Amanda Ford.

Eden Alley Improvements Stephanie reported that she attended an on site meeting with Amanda Ford and interested parties last month, and problems with trash removal, deliveries, potholes, standing water, and utility repairs were identified. The city will mediate and get back to us.

Brickel Alley Vehicular Access Betsy Pandora responded by email that she would follow up with the the city' on its plan to close Brickel to vehicles.

UIRF Update Andy reported that the city's asked to meet with us to discuss the status of UIRF improvements, and Andy requested they attend the February meeting but has not gotten a response. Isom agreed to contact Milo-Grogan to encourage their attendance, and Andy agreed to update and include Weinland Park residents as well.

2017 Priorities Andy asked the attendees to review a handout of Streets Committee topics over the last 3 years (attached) and to prioritize initiatives for 2017 at the February meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 pm. Next meeting is February 23, 2017, in the backroom at the brewery at 1101 N. 4th Street.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Klein, Chair, Streets Committee (01/28/17)

STREETS COMMITTEE TOPICS

2013:

Parking Updates

Fifth Avenue Re-Design

COTA Circulator

The Hub Parking Garage

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2014:

Parking Updates

Fifth Avenue Re-Design

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Speed Limits West of High

Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) Recommendations

Dispatch Article on Traffic Issues at The Market Italian Village

Milo Grogan Bikeway Plan

Prescott Traffic Flow Changes during Construction

2015:

Parking Study Updates

IV Welcomes You Sign**Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) Recommendations****Application for Russell & Kerr Noise Mitigation Study through ODOT****Proposal to Vacate Hull Alley b/w High and Pearl****Snow Removal Proposal****Analysis of Next Steps for N. Fourth Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan****Proposal to Create Valet Zone at Tai Tiki****Go Both Ways (Summit and N. Fourth Street Conversion to Two Way Traffic)****Proposed High Streetscape Improvements****Connect Columbus****Italian Village East Redevelopment Plan Update****Complete Streets Treatment for Summit and N. Fourth Streets****Pedestrian Safety****Un-designating N. Fourth and Summit Streets as US 23****Draft Mission Statement****Councilperson Hardin's Aide Edward Johnson****Sandstone Curbs as Preferred Choice****Residential Parking Permit Moratorium****Lincoln and Pearl Parking Garage****Sidewalks on E. Fourth Avenue****2016:****Parking Study Updates****IV Welcomes You Sign****Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) Recommendations****Sandstone Curbs as Preferred Choice****Un-designating N. Fourth and Summit Streets as US 23****Sidewalks on E. Fourth Avenue****Sidewalk and Curb Survey****Prescott Street Conversion/Pedestrianization****Eden Alley Improvements****Permit Parking Moratorium****Jeffrey Park/Carpenter Marty Traffic Study****Reimagining the I-670 Exit and Undesignating US 23****Crosswalk at Summit and Third****Proposed High Streetscape Improvements****Council of Historic Neighborhoods****College Alley Improvements****Short North Special Parking Area**