

Minutes

Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee Thurs, August 25, 2016, 5:30pm, Seventh Son, 1101 N. Fourth St.

Present: Andy Klein (Chair), Shannon Fergus, Sherrill Massey, Reynaldo Stargell, Justin Warren

Andy called the Streets Committee to order at 5:36 pm in the backroom at the brewery, asking everyone to introduce themselves, and recall any memorable OSU class they may have taken.

Prescott Street Closure Andy recounted the history of discussion over Prescott since March of this year, and introduced Reynaldo from the Division of Traffic Management to update us. He reported a happy compromise was worked out with Blackwood Sheet Metal to allow Kerr to remain two way in front of their business, while Prescott has been converted to one way westbound from Kerr to Pearl. Although most business owners surrounding Prescott and Pearl expressed support for closing Prescott to vehicles entering from High Street, Roche-Bobois has large trucks delivering merchandise which can only unload by heading east from High. Now that Prescott has been resurfaced between Pearl and High, and plans to close it to vehicles are on hold, Reynaldo expressed the city's willingness to work with us, for example, to set up cameras to analyze the traffic flow. Andy expressed support for making Prescott open to vehicles one way eastbound to Pearl from High, and the other attendees agreed that this was a recommendation to take to the next general meeting. Andy noted that UIRF had rejected placing a conventional sidewalk in all three alleys which intersect High, and asked if a thermoplastic material used for brick effect in downtown crosswalks would be a pedestrian amenity the city could endorse. Reynaldo noted that the material had not been used adjacent to buildings and required intense heat to apply, but agreed to research the matter further as it might apply to all three alleys. Justin asked if there was a history of pedestrian injury in that area, Reynaldo had statistics for Prescott which indicated no history of injury related to that intersection. Justin suggested we were pursuing a solution to a problem that doesn't exist.

Parking Study Update Andy updated the committee based on notes from Mike Navarro sent August 9. He reported meetings with the city attorney about requiring developers pay into a parking fund, and other zoning changes were being discussed. Reynaldo clarified the federal objections to the pilot signage proposed, and believes they'll get the go ahead eventually. The residential permit area will include both paid and free parking for non-residents. Reynaldo clarified that the city's examining various ways to charge for those spaces. The parking group meets monthly. [After the meeting, Andy received an email from Mike reporting that the August 24 meeting of the group discussed a draft map of the permit area.]

Eden Alley Improvements Andy distributed an email chain from Stephanie Harris to Rick Miller, the supervisor for the project. Since he's retired, Susan Delay responded and said representatives from Rec & Parks and Public Service will attend the Sept 13 general meeting to discuss landscaping remediation planned for the fall.

High Street Improvements Andy distributed a flyer for the next open house at 175 E. 7th Avenue on Sept 13 from 5:30-7:30 (same date as IVS general meeting) to present plans for High Street improvements between 7th and 9th Avenues. Andy also distributed an email from Betsy summarizing the information obtained at the open house earlier this week for High Street improvements between the convention center and the cap.

UIRF Reconsideration Andy reported that he'd conveyed our questions about developers paying the cost of decorative lighting on E. Fifth Avenue, and whether the Prescott traffic changes would affect the installation of sidewalks, to Christopher Lohr, who promised to review the issues.

Sidewalks and Curbs Survey Andy reported that Christopher Vidoni hopes to complete the survey in the fall. At it's inaugural meeting, Andy advocated for making the sidewalk and curb survey a project for the revived Council of Historic Neighborhoods to cover the entire old city. He also advocated at the Italian Village Commission meeting for assistance in completing the project, and received some on the record assurance of support.

Council of Historic Neighborhoods Andy reported that IVS had two representatives, joining folks from Olde Towne East, Franklinton, Victorian Village, Harrison West, German Village and Schumacher Place. He noted the absence of Milo-Grogan and Weinland Park representatives, and indicated those neighborhoods are directly relevant to our efforts and should be included in future meetings. The inaugural meeting concluded with an agenda that included pursuing an economic impact study of historic neighborhoods, and consideration of a city wide historic preservation plan.

New Topics Andy opened the floor to other topics, none surfaced.

Next meeting of the Streets Committee is August 25, 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:30, followed by brief discussion about shade plants.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Klein, Chair, Streets Committee (08/26/16)