

Minutes

Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee Thurs, September 29, 2016, 5:30pm, Seventh Son, 1101 N. Fourth St.

Present: Andy Klein (Chair), Isom Nivins, Christopher Vidoni, Shiloh Todorov

Andy called the Streets Committee to order at 6:02 pm in the backroom at the brewery.

Eden Alley Improvements Andy reported that the city presented its landscaping remediation plans at the September general IVS meeting, and is moving forward with plans as presented, IVS requesting that 3” diameter trees be used instead of the smaller caliper.

College Alley Improvements Andy reported that at the IVS general meeting in September an IV Commissioner requested our support for installing brick pavers as part of the redevelopment of the intersection of N. Fourth St. and College Alley, and to set a precedent for future developers to follow. Shiloh added that sandstone curbs should also be included whenever new development is occurring in the neighborhood. The committee agreed and affirmed the action of the Society at the September meeting.

Sidewalks and Curbs Survey Andy distributed a map courtesy of Ben Goodman, generated for the Parking Study Committee but showing every block in IV. Isom will check with Mark Dravillas' office to see if their GIS coordinator can be of assistance. Christopher reported that Connie at Historic Preservation had promised to get MORPC's assistance developing block by block maps, at no expense. We discussed what the survey will include, such as existing curb cuts, garages, uses of garages, as well as condition and type of curbs and sidewalks. German Village has its survey from an OSU planning class but is still digesting the information. Shiloh gave a brief update on the city's testing of sandstone (it passed one department but now is before the new materials committee). The quarry has donated 4 sections of sandstone in different dimensions to provide a real world test, at two locations (Beck and Pearl) with street sweeping crews involved to review the durability of the sandstone. The city plans to repave Livingston adjoining GV with sandstone curbs on the south side and granite curbs on the north side of the street. Shiloh will check to see if granite is required for all downtown developments. We discussed our goals for this initiative and agreed that we should advocate for requiring sandstone whenever new development or replacement of existing curbs is proposed in all the UIRF neighborhoods. Andy noted that the High Street redevelopment does not include sandstone curbs and we should advocate for their inclusion. Shiloh noted Betsy's position that the budget for the improvements may not accommodate sandstone, and suggested we seek instead to salvage the curbs that are removed in the process. Andy suggested we ask for inclusion of sandstone as our opening position. Shiloh noted her concern that we have no mechanism to get sandstone restored absent new development. She noted that we may achieve cost savings by ordering in bulk from the quarry, another reason to include all the UIRF neighborhoods. Shiloh asked if we anticipate controversy in IV by advocating for sandstone, Andy indicated that we haven't flushed out the opposition, but acknowledged it could be argued that the expense exceeds the benefit, and could be seen as taking money from suburban neighborhoods. Shiloh suggested we might get sandstone included in the state capital budget, or use preservation tax credits to include curbs. Andy noted that TIF money might be another source of funds. Isom noted a Clintonville commissioner has advocated for

curbs, Shiloh will reach out to him. Andy agreed to reach out to Weinland Park and Milo Grogan to get their involvement in the Council of Historic Neighborhoods.

Council of Historic Neighborhoods meets next Thursday at 11:45 at Experience Columbus, across from Huntington Park.

Next meeting of the Streets Committee is December 1, 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Klein, Chair, Streets Committee (09/29/16)