

MEETING MINUTES

Subject: Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #3
La Avenida Phase II Streetscape Improvements

Meeting Date: June 26, 2014 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Location: Isla Housing & Development
1164 N. Clinton Ave.

A. MEETING ATTENDEES

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

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B. MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the meeting was to present the refined design elements of the project.

Project Schedule

- There is a slight delay related to acquiring easements needed for the Gateway and Buffer Treatments that will be located along the Red Wing Plaza parking lot and the southeast and southwest corners of the Norton Street intersection. The City is currently working with the three property owners and expects the appraisals to be accepted by late July.
- Construction is expected to begin in September 2014 and be completed in the Spring of 2015.

Gateway and Buffer Treatments

- Refined renderings of the gateway and buffer treatments were presented to the group.
- The gateway treatments at the Norton Street intersection have been revised per the request of one of the property owners. The height of the piers are slightly lower than the original design so that they are less obtrusive on the building frontage. A decorative light will be provided on top of the large piers.
- There will be a welcome sign to the corridor in both Spanish and English. The same sign will be added to the Phase I project gateway at the Upper Falls Boulevard intersection.
- The Red Wing Plaza buffer treatment will include a pier/fence treatment located within a raised curbed island.
- The artwork in the piers has been eliminated from the design. Ms. Algarin was pursuing a Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) arts grant which was not awarded. This feature can be incorporated at a later time when funding is available.



Sidewalk Logos and Commemorative Elements

- There will be 22 La Avenida logos placed in the sidewalk throughout the Phase I and Phase II corridor at bus stops, businesses, and parks.
- There will be 8 El Camino logos placed in the sidewalk throughout the corridor. They will be placed in locations that identify trail access points.
- The PAC requested that the City add a commemorative element to honor neighborhood leaders. The project will include a limited number of these elements, with the neighborhood developing a committee to look at further expansion in the future. The committee will provide names, dates, and minimal text for anyone to be memorialized as part of the project. Locations are to be determined but may focus initially within the gateway areas. Some of the names that the PAC suggested include Alisa Torres, Esto Fernandes, Father Tracy, and Elliot Landsman. The City will receive a final list of names by Friday (7/4/14). Potential materials include etched granite, cast metal plaques or etched brick/pavers. Bergmann Associates will provide images and rough cost for each option.

Planters

- 16 planters will be placed in strategic locations throughout Phase II. Sonia requested that a planter be placed in front of the Isla Housing building and that they would maintain it.
- The project will include the cost of the initial plantings, but then the responsibility of maintenance and upkeep will fall on to the businesses. Initial plantings will be provided in both Phase I and II.
- Albert provided a sample photograph of plantings from Canandagua. The planting included a small arborvitae underplanted with annuals. It was explained that these plants would be susceptible to winter wind burn and salt spray and are not likely to survive without being covered throughout the winter. Bergmann will provide a recommendation for the plantings on this project.

Bump Out Curb Extensions and Crosswalks

- Bump outs will be installed at the following locations on the east side of N. Clinton Ave:
 - i. Seibert Place – This is an existing unsignalized crossing at the north end of Don Samuel Torress park where the new plaza was built as part of Phase I.
 - ii. Treyer Street – Based on feedback received at the Public Meeting there is a high demand for a crossing at this location to access Rite Aid.
 - iii. Between Mead and LaForce – This is an existing mid-block crossing to provide a safer crossing between the Iglesia Santidad Pentecostal Church and their parking lot.
 - iv. Burbank Street – This is an existing unsignalized crossing for Lincoln School No. 22 students located a block-and-half to the east.
- Bump outs will only be installed on the east side of N. Clinton Ave. in case bike lanes are ever considered in the future. Since there is about 15-20% more available on-street parking available on the east side, the implementation of bike lanes in the future would minimize parking impacts along the corridor.
- At each bumpout, the curb lines will project out about six feet into the shoulder, which is the maximum distance to provide for future bike lanes without having the reconstruct curb lines.
- Decorative crosswalks will be installed throughout Phase II to match those installed in Phase I. Decorative crosswalks will be installed at each bumpout location, which will cross N. Clinton Ave. At these 4 locations, the top 2" of asphalt pavement will be milled (removed) and replaced with new asphalt prior to the decorative crosswalks being applied to improve durability where traffic volumes are higher.



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Bicycle Enhancements

- Bike lanes are no longer being pursued based on feedback received at the Public Meeting 12/19/13. The loss of parking resulting from the addition of bike lanes was the biggest concern.
- 22 bike racks will be placed in strategic locations throughout Phase II.

Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repairs

- The corners of each side street throughout Phase II will be reconstructed to provide new ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- Sidewalk repairs will be made at spot locations throughout Phase II.
- All existing brick pavers between the curb and sidewalk throughout Phase II will be repaired and reset where necessary.

Lighting

- New light poles will be provided throughout Phase II to match those installed in Phase I.
- Light pole receptacles have not been included in the project as RG&E now requires them to be metered separately from the lighting. This would require expensive installation of new underground wiring and conduit, which cannot be supported by the project budget.
- Albert will contact RG&E directly to discuss the possibility of adding pole receptacles, without separate metering, as a waiver to their current policy.

Bus Shelter

- RGRTA has agreed to supply a curbside bus shelter at the existing bus stop near the Motor Imports & Collision property located on the west side of N. Clinton Ave. just south of Norton St.

Striping

- New pavement markings will be provided along N. Clinton Ave. from Upper Falls Blvd. to Norton St. Parking lanes will be delineated with a solid white line to provide better delineation between the travel lane and parking.

Parking

- Roberto suggested the City conduct a parking study to determine present and projected needs versus presently available spaces. With all of the City owned vacant lots on the corridor he thought providing community parking on some of them would be beneficial to existing and future businesses. This request will be forwarded on to Daisy Algarin - City NBD. It was also mentioned that as the previous meeting it was discussed that the existing church parking lot (east side of N. Clinton Ave. between LaForce and Mead Streets) was supposed to be available to the public. The City will look into this.

Next Steps

- Jeff Mroczek will continue to keep the PAC updated with the project via email and updates to the project website. The display board presented at this meeting will be posted to the project website.

Action Items:

Responsible Party

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| 1. Provide names/dates/text for commemorative element | Committee |
| 2. Provide images and rough costs for commemorative element | T. Liddell / E. Shaw |
| 3. Add/relocate planter to Isla Housing | T. Liddell |
| 4. Provide recommendation for plantings | T. Liddell / M. Johns |
| 5. Contact RG&E to discuss receptacles | A. Algarin |
| 6. Forward request for parking study to Daisy Algarin | J. Mroczek |
| 7. Look into use of church parking lot for public parking | J. Mroczek |



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8. Post display board from this meeting to project website

J. Mroczek

The above constitutes our understanding of issues discussed at this meeting. Please contact the undersigned, in writing, with any errors or omissions.

Sincerely,

BERGMANN ASSOCIATES



Dominic Fekete, PE
Project Manager

HIGHLAND PLANNING



Tanya Zwahlen
Project Planner

cc: All Attendees, All committee members not in attendance, Eric Shaw (BA)

