

Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Jody Yates, PBOT	Frank Phillips
Scott Snair, PBOT	Jim Gardner
David O'Longaigh, PBOT	John Perry
Kara Fioravanti, BDS	Bill Danneman
Dan Raynor, CH2M HILL	Tom Noguchi
Cherri Warnke, Water	Stefan Lefler
Lola Gailey, PBOT	Rick Saito

FROM: Jody Yates, PBOT

DATE: March 3, 2010, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Budget Review

The budget add package (from HB 2001), is not approved. It has been thru the Bureau's Budget Advisory Committee and was recommended to the Mayor. It is awaiting Mayor and City Council approval. Revenue is projected lower than original estimations, reducing the possible funding for this project from \$2,000,000 to \$1,950,000.

Bridge Options / Value Engineering

CH2M has hired an outside consultant to provide independent cost estimates as well as potential additional savings.

ZRZ building with bridge landing

- Rick - This partnership came out of idea of a "3 Legged Stool". Bridge / Parking / Affordable Housing. Facing the parking structure (500 - 700 parking spots) with residential, would create an aesthetic building with functionality. This would also create a "Gibbs Plaza", extending to the waterfront, including a destination for the bridge and streetcar stop.

Positive elements to this plan:

- Money Saving - about 1M in savings to each party
- Transfer of elevator maintenance and operation to ZRZ
- Safety for users of the bridge by having a more occupied space

Trouble with this plan;

- Affordable housing funding has been dedicated to “Block 49” building. Without this leg of the stool, the building might not get built
 - Can this plan be done in two stages, bridge and parking structure and then residential structure later?
 - Rick - Yes, but ZRZ may not move forward with the project.
 - Jody - We can incorporate future partnership with ZRZ by designing the elevator structure to be joined to the ZRZ building at a later date.
 - Would pairing these two projects delay the Schedule?
 - Jody - It would delay the project by a couple months from December 2011 into February 2012, but these are not high pedestrian / bike months
 - What Guarantees would we have about the project partnership staying on schedule?
 - Jody - Contractual agreements would ensure the Bridge tower portion of the project is built.
 - What can the citizens and neighborhood associations do to help get some affordable housing funding for this project?
 - Rick - Lobbying on behalf of this project would delay the efforts to get either project built.

OBEC cable stay option – The initial price relayed to PBOT was \$300 per sq ft. At this price, PBOT believed that it warranted additional inquiry. Further comparison of the estimate/design shows that l costs would be closer to \$600 per sq ft, still slightly less than the CH2M’s modified extradosed design, but not within our budget.

CH2M Steel Box Girder – This bridge doesn’t fit our current budget either, but would work with either the ZRZ partnership, or HB 2001 add package.

- ◆ Many CAC members expressed that the design of the Box Girder fits better with the design of the Tram Tower.

Frank – If ZRZ wants to be involved, they need to step up. This project would be a benefit to them by bringing more traffic to their property. No matter what the bridge type is, it will be a plus to make this connection to the South Waterfront. Let’s make a decision and get this bridge built.

- ◆ CAC led vote – All approved to move forward with steel box girder bridge planning contingent on the outside consultants pricing results.

Other issues

Barbur Crossing is approved because that is a city facility

Naito Crossing is under the jurisdiction of ODOT and is not yet approved .

- ODOT may change their position if pedestrian / bike traffic increases. Citizen contact to ODOT may prove helpful to an improved crossing of Naito.though it wouldn't hurt for citizens to contact ODOT.
 - Bill - I have the ODOT safety coordinators contact info. We can talk outside of the meeting.

Sign Bridge is still needed with the steel box girder design

Bridge finish - David O - I'm convinced that you won't be able to afford the finish that the tram tower used because of cost issues. One of the most cost effective and aesthetic options is weatherized steel. Weatherized steel provides a durable finish that maintains its appearance over the life span of the bridge with limited maintenance costs.

Schedule

Jody - I asked for a response from ZRZ in 2 weeks on whether they want to move forward on this project together.

To meet ODOT's procurement schedule, 95% construction plans will need to be to ODOT on June 11, 2010

Next Steps

Responding to the CAC vote, we will move forward with the Steel Box Girder bridge design

The City and CH2M Hill will hold an open house in May 2010 with an updated project schedule and what residents should expect to see as a bridge design.