

Lakeshore Drive Redevelopment Committee Meeting

First meeting 19 Sep 2019, 4:00 PM

Attending: T. Merz, R. Gray, J. Sullivan, E. Waara

- Committee Membership – discussed expanding the number of members to increase diversity of thought and background. Also discussed adding members of Council, PC, DDA, and possibly “at large” persons to increase the participation and understanding. Waara, Merz, and Gray to investigate potential additional members and report back.
 - a. Waara – B. Foltz, E. Nelson, +1 downtown business owner/operator
 - b. Gray – A. Kiley
 - c. Merz - +1 from Planning Commission
- Decided to have additional meeting, possibly with new members, prior to initial meeting with Veridea. Regular meeting schedule to be discussed after that.
- Will request an initial meeting with Veridea somewhere between October 8th and 15th. Getting their initial vision and possible changes to project scope will shape how several potential issues in the development agreement will need to be addressed.
- Discussed list of possible challenges, issues, and opportunities. Decided most are either moot or not relevant until we can have an initial meeting with Veridea to find out what their overall plan looks like.

Follow up – week of 23 Sep:

- Foltz, Kiley and Nelson accepted joining the group. Bruce Rundman, owner of Good Times Music, accepted as Waara’s +1. Michelle Jarvi-Eggart accepted from the Planning Commission.
- Had meeting of entire group on October 8th to bring new members up to speed and discuss upcoming Veridea meeting.
- Consensus was to refer to the project as the “Lakeshore Drive Redevelopment” to avoid ongoing confusion in referring to “Waterfront” as several members of the public were under the assumption that somehow the City was including the existing waterfront trail, etc. as part of the potential sale and redevelopment. The trail and waterfront are not part of any potential sale.

Follow up – 14 October

- Full group except for Bruce Rundman met with representatives from Veridea, EUA (architect), Miron (builder), and Marketing Department (communications) to have an initial discussion about the project and where things go from here.
- Veridea put forth ideas on possible add-on development that could enhance their project.
- City brought up needs for parking, access, and view. EUA will work with Veridea on overall concept plan as many things need to be addressed as things move forward.
- Discussed appraisal of property and importance of defined limits to appraisal and what conditions of property would be so appraisal will reflect true value.
- Next meeting date TBD based on update on schematic plans from Veridea/EUA.