

# CID Framework and Implementation Plan

## Work Group 5 - Public Realm

### April 5, 2018 Meeting

Time: 4:00-5:30 pm

Location: Hing Hay Co-Works 409b Maynard Ave S

#### MEETING SUMMARY

#### **Work Group Members Present**

Sonny Nguyen; Andrew Tran; Tom Im; Jeff Hou; Tiernan Martin; Gordon Padelford; Jamie Lee; An Huynh Alicia Daniels Uhlig; Betty Lau; Kathleen Johnson; Ziyi Liu; Clara Carter; Vicky Clarke;

#### **City Staff**

Janet Shull (OPCD); Gary Johnson (OPCD); Sam Woods(SDOT); Dan Anderson (SDOT); Chip Nevins (PARKS)

#### **Notes:**

Workgroup Chair Sonny Nguyen opened the meeting and led a round of introductions.

#### *Danny Woo Garden Improvements Discussion*

Tom Im of InterIm CDA presented information on the history of the Danny Woo Garden. The garden began in 1975 and there have been many upgrades and improvements to the garden over the years.

There are currently two improvement projects being considered for the garden. There have also been design charrettes to help come up with ideas to improve the garden.

The first proposed project is improvement to the wall facing Main Street - to add art to 6 – 10 panels on the existing wall. InterIm has been working with a steering committee on developing recommendations for the implementation of an art wall. Review and approval of art installations would be per the ISRD Board. InterIm has identified funding for wall improvements.

The second proposed project is improvements to fences around garden plots with art integrated into the fences.

Interim is also in the process of engaging residents and businesses about their interest in the expansion of the garden to create a garden entrance at S. Main Street. InterIm plans to continue outreach and



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engagement with stakeholders to gather more community input to determine how or if to pursue garden expansion.

Discussion: The group talked about the importance of getting nearby businesses' and residents' input. There were questions about an existing dumpster and fire hydrant and the status of parking on S. Main Street. It was clarified that the proposed garden expansion would not displace existing parking. It was observed that the expansion project could help inform the ISRD guidelines update. It also provides garden space for children who live near the site and provides a cultural connection to the neighborhood with a more prominent entrance.

The Workgroup was asked what it thought about this project moving forward. The consensus was the proposed improvements to the Danny Woo Garden should be moved forward for further outreach and planning/design. Outreach for the overall CID Public Realm Element can help inform the community about the proposed Danny Woo Garden improvements and be another means of gathering input.

#### *Under I-5 Improvements Discussion:*

Andrew Tran of InterIm CDA presented updated drawings for I-5 Underpass improvement concepts. Updated concepts respond to additional community input that was received after the March 1 Public Realm Workgroup meeting. Overall, the community input was for a balance of activation of the area with activities that are primarily for the CID Community.

See the PowerPoint for updated concept drawings.

Next steps are an open house/outreach event and further project scoping to identify potential project phasing, identification of "quick wins" (improvements that would be ready of for implementation in the near term).

Andrew asked for input from the group on whether a basketball court was preferred as there is one included in the park at Yesler Terrace. Other questions for the group included input on a proposed dog park and skate park.

Input and comments included:

- Ninja training course



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- Parours
- Skate park elements could be mobile (e.g. plywood)
- Skate park proponents may have money to help pay for improvements – skate park near Seattle Center is going away – perhaps re-locate to CID
- Potential performance space
- Programming of space is important to success
- Massive Monkey could use space

#### *Center City Bike Network South End Connection:*

Sam Woods and Dan Anderson of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) presented a PowerPoint [presentation](#) on alternate bike routes through the CID to provide a connection between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Dearborn. Dearborn improvements (a protected bike lane) will be installed this summer.

Seven route options through the CID have been evaluated and all of them have some challenges. Two options (Option 2 and Option 4) are being reviewed further. Option 2 connects through S Main Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Option 4 connects through 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, S. King St, S. Weller St and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S and would traverse the Union Station Plaza.

SDOT is in the planning phase of the project (three phases: 1)Planning, 2)Design and 3)Construction) and beginning to plan for public outreach. The goal of outreach is to get feedback on alternatives and keep the community informed of the work. Staff would like the Workgroup members to help them identify who they should talk to in the neighborhood. Outreach materials on the bike network will be translated into Japanese, Traditional and Simple Chinese and Vietnamese.

*Discussion:* It was suggested that SDOT staff create cross sections to help visually describe the bike route options. It was also suggested that presentations to the community consider both the cyclist and the neighborhood community member perspective when route options are being compared/described.

The Workgroup expressed interest in a tour of the alternate routes. Gordon Padelford suggested that a bicycle tour could be arranged and he could also get access to bicycles for folks to use for the tour.



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The Workgroup is interested in an update on King Street improvements and Greenway status.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Shull

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 4:00 to 5:30 PM

