

CID Framework and Implementation Plan

Work Group 5 - Public Realm

May 3, 2018 Meeting

Time: 4:00-5:30 pm

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

MEETING SUMMARY

Work Group Members Present

An Huynh; Andrew Tran; Tom Im; Jamie Lee; Betty Lau; Clara Canter

City Staff

Janet Shull (OPCD); Gary Johnson (OPCD); Aaron Hursey (OPCD); Aditi Kambuj (SDOT); Ching Chan (SDOT); Jenifer Chao (DON)

Notes:

Janet Shull opened the meeting and led a round of introductions.

Public Realm Workgroup Scope

Aditi Kambuj reviewed a draft workplan for the Public Realm Workgroup that outlined the potential agenda topics for the balance of workgroup meetings in 2018.

Discussion: In general, workgroup members were supportive of the draft workplan and future meeting topics. Workgroup members suggested adding the CID lighting study outcomes to the Agenda for the July meeting and that lighting be discussed in the gaps analysis.

There was a question about follow up with the bike route walk. Gary indicated he would follow up with Dan Anderson and Sam Woods on their availability to lead a tour of the routes and then conduct a Doodle poll to find a good time for the workgroup. Ching Chan noted that Dan and Sam were both on vacation in the upcoming weeks.

Coordination of Public Realm Scope with ISRD Guidelines and Community Stabilization

The workgroup reviewed a list of priority topics that staff assembled based on input from workgroup meetings to date and that cover the work focus areas of the three workgroups listed above. These items will be sorted into the workplans for the three workgroups to avoid duplication of efforts in the development of recommendations.

The items reviewed included:

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- Small and affordable retail
- Multilingual signage
- Weather protection
- Mid-block pedestrian connections
- Community oriented spaces along building frontages to sit and stay
- Tree lighting (seasonal)
- Parking
- All-age friendly (seats, speeds, crossing time, lighting)
- Continuity of identity street design elements (lighting, pavement decoration)
- Decorative pavement border design for Little Saigon
- Community should have a key role in engagement
- More granular walking network (Little Saigon)
- Trees, landscaping
- Maintenance needs for sidewalks and garbage pickup and graffiti
- One point of contact for business owner questions "I have a thing, how do I proceed?"
- Spill retail life onto sidewalk (goods display)

To this list the following were added in discussion:

- Green Streets
- Street concept plans
- Management, programming and maintenance of public spaces
- Placemaking – signage, identification of historic structures, places, events; wayfinding; notice boards
- Need to develop an implementation matrix that includes funding, priority, packaging – themes and locational
- Marketing – BIA to support and build awareness of public realm attributes
- Permitting process – how to navigate; who to contact; increase transparency/simplify
- Permits for ongoing or reoccurring events in the ROW and ability to permit multiple events for one agency under a single ROW permit.
- Lighting study – pedestrian lighting, lighting fixture selection for Little Saigon,
- Street trees – maintenance (sometimes block lighting), lighting decorative
- Future additional open space – how is open space added as population in the CID neighborhood increases?
- ROW as green space at street ends (where streets terminate at I-5)

Review of Council Budget Process:

Gary Johnson (OPCD) provided an overview of the city budget process. Typically, the Mayor prepares a proposed budget during the month of June. In September,

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the proposed budget is transmitted to City Council. From September through Thanksgiving the Council deliberates on the budget, and it is finalized before the end of the calendar year.

Staff will be discussing with the CID Advisory Committee members the opportunity to propose to move some projects forward as part of the Mayor's budget.

Existing Conditions Mapping:

Aaron Hursey (OPCD) handed out the latest version of the existing conditions Public Realm map. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Outreach and Engagement Plan Input from the Workgroup

Jenifer Chao (DON) handed out a proposed outreach and RET plan timeline along with more detailed information about specific activities planned for the Public Realm Element.

The workgroup provided input on a number of community activities that will take place during the summer time including:

- Dragon Fest July 14/15
- Happy Hour Food Walk July 19
- Danny Woo Garden event July 21
- Parade July 22

Respectfully submitted by Janet Shull

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 7, 4:00 to 5:30 PM