

CID Framework and Implementation Plan

Work Group 5 - Public Realm

June 7, 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; Kathleen Johnson, Tom Im, Quynh Pham; Jamie Lee; Betty Lau; An Huynh; Ziyi Liu

City Staff

Janet Shull (OPCD); Gary Johnson (OPCD); Aaron Hursey (OPCD); Aditi Kambuj (SDOT); Ching Chan (SDOT) Summer Jawson SDOT)

Notes:

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

Review of prioritized issues for the P.R. Workgroup. A list of discussion questions sorted into 4 topic areas was handed out to frame the discussion (attached). The four topic areas were:

1. Improve Street lighting and Tree canopy
2. Greening/treatment of street ends abutting I-5
3. Street furniture and wayfinding and other signage in the ROW
4. Art installation in the ROW

Improve Street lighting and Tree canopy A question was raised about ADA guidelines as applied within a historic district and how this relates to curb bulbs in particular.

There was also a question about the City of Seattle Green Factor and how it relates to streetscape improvements? Developer's can get credit for landscaping in the ROW subject to approval by the SDOT Director. More information on Green Factor can be found here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/codes/greenfactor/default.htm>

Workgroup members want to know how do present plans (e.g. L.S. concept plan) fit in with our current work group process/scope? (L.S. concept plan will be discussed at July meeting)

Lighting Study— will be presented to ISRD on June 26th. The lighting study will be finalized in time to present to the P.R. Workgroup as an August agenda item.

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Thinking through what the preferred tree species are—how can we preserve cherry trees while thinking about... ideas for tree species. If cherry blossoms are what we want, but... is our goal, then is there a happy medium? Exceptions on key corridors (Jackson St). Staff have discussed trees with SDOT/forestry. Should think about placement in tandem with lighting.

Think about long term maintenance of trees.

Could CID community get a blanket permit for neighborhood to prune trees in right of way?

Trees species — The Workgroup discussed the Jackson St cherry blossom trees. There are issues with cherry trees that don't make them ideal street trees, such as short life cycle. Some ideas included identifying other flowering tree species and intermittent planting to continually replace the cherry trees to keep tree canopy constantly refreshed. It was also suggested perhaps cherry trees could be retained on key corridors (like Jackson) but not used throughout the neighborhood.

Other tree topics of discussion included reference to Intracorp's proposal for street tree ideas for their project. Interface of trees and street lighting, spacing. Plum trees are similar to cherry. Overgrowth of landscaping.

Priority areas for increasing tree canopy were discussed: King St between 10th and Rainier Ave. 12th... through Beacon Hill. Little Saigon with priority at King and 12th. Weller St.

Where to plant trees? King Street—part north of King Street east of 12th. Fill in gaps. 12th.

- L.S.
- 12th and Jackson
- Weller, Lane
- Note: fill in gaps. Be strategic identifying places that won't develop soon.

Greening/treatment of street ends abutting I-5 Street ends—Weller (activation, safety), Main (extra parking opportunity, passive) There are other opportunities to connect the neighborhood in ROW...besides trees and lighting. How can we leverage parks department? Street ends—Weller needs activation where community feels safe to use. Passive activation. Main—parking?

Street furniture and wayfinding and other signage in the ROW Wayfinding—SDOT has money for wayfinding. Citywide first and last mile. Distinctive signage for Special Review Districts.

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Art installation in the ROW - there was not much group discussion on this topic – the Workgroup may wish to revisit it at a future meeting.

Neighborhood Greenway update (Ching Chan and Summer Jawson SDOT)
Ching Chan provided a briefing on the King Street Neighborhood Greenway.

Ching noted that Megan Hoyt of SDOT will be leading the construction phase.

Greenways are designated on non-arterial streets with lower speeds and volumes of traffic. Originate in Bike Master Plan.

King and Weller were studied as possible Greenways; King is the preferred route. New signal at King and Rainier.

30% design done—retained left turn Rainier northbound to King.

Update on Lighting Study:

Under I-5 space for new pedestrian lighting. No funding for pedestrian lighting. Hinged lighting standards are being considered for under I-5 to meet WSDOT standards for clearances and access to light fixtures. Grant—safe routes to school. Curb match new development. Slighting increase in sidewalk width. Seeking funding sources. Currently at 30% design, going to 60% for cost estimates. ISRD Board briefing.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 5, 4:00 to 5:30 PM