



MINUTES

Members Present: Chair David Shein, Jim Fairchild, Nancy Adams, LaVonne Wilson, Craig Pope, Randy Hunter, Ken Jacroux, Chelsea Pope, and Rich Rohde.

Absent: Wes Scroggin, Rich Long, and Joe Koubek.

Staff: Community Development Director Jason Locke, and Planner John Swanson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Shein called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 3, 2012, meeting were presented with the following correction: Randy Hunter was present at the April meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue Rohde reported that her book on the comprehensive history of the Dallas area was nearly finished. Committee member congratulated her on the achievement.

OLD BUSINESS

Jason Locke reported that the last meeting consisted of much discussion on design components of the Main Street project currently being planned. He reported that we will have new design renderings in time for Summerfest so that we may get some public comment. Greenworks, our original design contractor, has been reengaged to deliver three final option renderings. Chair Dave Shein mentioned that nothing was to be decided today (a final option decision), but we will be deciding what we want to show the public in July.

Mr. Locke went through three design options via a power-point presentation as follows: Option 1: Represents the minimalist approach to addressing the courthouse side of the 800 block with mid block bump-outs, and larger trees. 39 parking spaces would be retained. Option 2: No mid block bump-outs, more trees on courthouse side of street, but still minimal, and all 44 parking spaces would be retained. Option 3: More components than the first two options. Mid block bumps, trees on the courthouse side of the street, room for public art, and all the components of the first two options. Mr. Locke concluded that all three options could be constructed and that there are three viable options to consider.

Rich Rohde represented his desire for a Veteran's Memorial to be included in the design scheme. There was discussion amongst the committee regarding size, location, number of names that would be included, and leaving space for additional names from current and future conflicts. Craig Pope mentioned that the location of the existing rose garden in front of the courthouse might accommodate the memorial. The issue would be discussed further in the

future.

Ken Jacroux asked if any of the presented options would interfere or require changes to the regular Summerfest activities. Mr. Locke responded no. Mr. Jacroux then asked when the County Commissioners would be asked to “buy in” to a design option. Craig Pope said he would represent the options to the other Commissioners.

Mr. Locke reported that the intention was to meet with business and building owners in the impacted area before the options were shown to the public at Summerfest. Chair Dave Shein emphasized the need to get the timing right. Mr. Locke concluded that the renderings to be presented to stakeholders and the public would be of high quality done by Greenworks. We are looking at drafts at this evening’s meeting.

Committee discussion continued on some of the more technical items of the design concepts such as single / double light fixtures, technical engineering issues on the 900 block, and exact location(s) for public art / sculptures. Craig Pope expressed a county desire to see art on the corners, but acknowledged that there were a lot of decisions yet to be made.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEMBER COMMENTS

Brian Dalton reported that the City of Dallas Urban Renewal Agency approved the purchase of the former armory building site.

Chelsea Pope provided photos of how well the pervious sidewalk worked on Court Street during recent heavy rain.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

The meeting adjourned from City Hall at 6:22 PM