

Visioning & Community Relations Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 6th @ 9:00 AM

Chair: Lynne Yackzan Co-Chair: Shelli Ramos

Location: Online via Zoom

1. Attendance

- Board: Lynne Yackzan, Shelli Ramos, Sumei Yee
- Staff: Brett Maresca, Kendall Doten
- Attendees: Randii MacNear

2. Review / Approval

- December meeting minutes approved by Lynne Yackzan and Shelli Ramos
- January meeting agenda approved by Lynne Yackzan

3. Public Comment

None

4. Beautification Subcommittee Report

- 2022/23 10K City of Davis Grant
 - Shelli Ramos would like to meet in person with the subcommittee to look at samples she received for self-watering planters and discuss colors, size/shape and pricing. We will also need to look at what locations are available.
 - Sumei Yee returns to Davis on February 1st (February 3rd is the next scheduled V&CR Committee meeting). Sumei to email her availability to Lynne and Shelli
 - Brand for planters: Urbanscape; Shelli reported that these planters are weather resistant and will last a long time

Kiosk Updates

- Next steps will be to look at the current kiosks and assess lighting and fliers that are currently inside
- We need to create an updated map to put inside the kiosks because the current one is very outdated

- The committee discussed hiring a contractor to create a new map for the kiosks. Brett suggested having Kendall create one because she has a graphic design background. Committee to send Kendall their ideas for maps to start mockups
 - More details about the potential of having Kendall contracted to be discussed offline
- A QR code will be added to the kiosk once our website redesign has been completed
- Downtown Urns
 - o (covered under 2022/23 City of Davis Grant)
- Bike Sculpture Donation Plan
 - We are still figuring out the best location for the sculpture. The committee
 previously discussed keeping it next to the Chen Building, but Sumei and
 Lynne both evaluated this location and determined that it would not work
 there.
 - Shelli suggested that we keep the sculpture near the old Bistro 33
 location and replace the current statue of the two runners. She thinks we
 should include some kind of fencing around it to deter the public from
 touching it or bumping into it.
 - We still need to contact Rachel from the city to discuss this more
- 5. Downtown Core Plan & Form Based Code Update
 - The Downtown Core Plan was approved by Davis City Council in December.
 There is a 30 day waiting period after the approval (this period is coming to an end in the coming weeks)
- 6. G St. Closure / Programming / TUP Design Guidelines Update
 - DDBA staff sent out an email newsletter this morning with a quick survey for membership to give their opinions on the G Street Closure
 - The survey is a tool to assist the city in providing information from our membership
 - Brett stated that Public Works is currently occupied with the impacts of the storms and thinks there's a significant chance that this plan may not be prioritized as high as we hoped. The goal is to get the issue on the calendar for city council this month.
 - Lynne believes that the people who should be pushing this to be

on the agenda for city council are those who want the street opened. She also reported that there are currently only 2 city planning staff when there are usually 7, so projects like this will take awhile to complete

- Without the staff, Brett believes the best course of action is to continue bringing contractor options and proposals to the city so the contractors can be held accountable in completing projects in a timely manner
- The G Street Closure issue was brought to the city council last year because the DDBA board wanted to see the street opened. Now, we feel that the board would be in favor of keeping the street closed if strict guidelines are set with cleaning and maintenance, and with businesses being held accountable for aesthetics of the street
- 7. Downtown Streets Team & ARP Fund Cleaning/Maintenance Update
 - The Downtown Streets Team program is planned to be up and running by the
 end of February. DST management thinks it will take them a few months to get
 situated and acclimated with our downtown. Once they are ready, they want to
 have a ribbon cutting ceremony/celebration downtown (possibly April 2023).
 - Lynne reported that the DST has weekly meetings, and that she would like to attend one in West Sacramento to get a feel for it. She will notify the committee when she plans to go.
 - In the meantime, Figeroa is still contracted by the city to maintain downtown. This program ends February 28th, 2023
 - This may overlap with the start of DST; Brett to confirm this schedule
 - Lynne expressed that the DST is primarily a social service organization and may not be dedicated to downtown maintenance. While it is good to help the unhoused community, we know that Figuroa does a good job and would like to keep them active as well
 - Brett said that if we bring a specific proposal to the city, it is likely that it will be approved.
 - We need to determine the different roles of Figueroa Landscaping vs DST and come up with a plan to get the best results; we need to ask the city if they plan to renew Figueroa's contract come its expiration at the end of February

- 8. New Business
 - None to report
- 9. Old Business
 - None to report
- 10. Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:13am
 - Next meeting scheduled for February 3rd