

**PAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 by Juliet Sinisterra.

Attendees Members Voting:

Alicia Barbieri, Steve Blaska, Dana Harbaugh, Jim Hanley, TJ Hake, Melissa Huggins, Richard Kier

Attendees Members Non-Voting:

Council Member Kinnear, Council Member Beggs

Absent:

Bryn West

Staff: Andrew Rolwes, Heather Trautman, Juliet Sinisterra, Michael Dick (Intern)

Updates

Approve minutes from January:

Richard Kier made a motion to approve of the minutes from January, TJ Hake seconded this motion.

Update on 2016/2017 Downtown Beautification Activities:

An RFP has been sent to three different companies regarding the hanging baskets in downtown, these are on schedule to be delivered before Mother's Day, and the designs will consist of the colors red, white, and blue. It was also discussed that there should exist a more efficient model for the lampposts as well as the issue of supplying water to these fixtures. Retrofitting would allow for this, but is too expensive, new construction is also an option for the installing of new water taps and this would be more cost efficient. There was also discussion of the kinds of alternative technologies that are available for these fixtures.

The lanterns that were installed on light posts did not light as expected, the adjacent light post did not allow for the lack of light the lanterns needed for the solar panels to activate. There was related discussion of the lantern designer retrofitting and or fixing its design flaws, at this point the Spokane Arts Commission is acting as a mediator between the City of Spokane and the lantern artist regarding this issue.

Lastly the Gateway designs were touched on, *No-Li Brewery* has donated a tank to be used and the related prototypes were passed around. The themes for this project are railroad/industry, and it would feature elements such as cut metal for lighted displays. Some members questioned the structural integrity of the project, citing individuals harming themselves playing around the piece. The

majority of members agreed that any design should focus on relevant “Spokane centric” themes, and felt that the proposed character was out of touch with the community.

Discussion

Parking Strategy Plan Draft Scope:

The results of this plan are stated to be ready by the end of the summer, and it’s intended to act as a guide for the next seven years. Barbieri noted that the U-district should be included in the study. Trautman reinstated the point that it is an inventory study that will analyze the feasibility of the parking plan by recording the inventory of certain areas. The last inventory study was initiated seven years ago, the current one is in plan to be broader, and its timeline is set for April to the beginning of June.

Harbaugh mentioned that the Wayfinding Programs should coordinate with one another, Sinisterra reassured that she was in regular contact with both City Planning and the UD.

PAC 6 Year Budget

The parking system generates \$2.5 million annually, half of this comes from parking revenue, and half of this comes from ticket revenue, there is also a 900,000 annual bond commitment off the top of this revenue.

The PAC is currently reviewing its priorities in terms of budgeting and how to organize this best in accordance with the *6 Year Capital Plan*, these will be identified and addressed further in the draft budget for 2018. It was determined that for future meetings there should be a construction schedule present to act as a reference guide in some of these future decisions.

Sidewalk Repair Proposal

CM Beggs has determined that it is imperative to ascertain voter’s opinions on funding a robust plan for sidewalk maintenance. \$75 dollars a household was proposed, but it seems that \$60 was what the majority of households felt comfortable with. The money would be sectioned into 4 categories, downtown, and districts 1, 2, and 3. Three fourths of this proposed revenue would go to repair, with the rest being devoted to the installation of new sidewalks. The driving point that Beggs made was that everyone uses sidewalks, and that individual investment was not efficient enough.

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The discussion ended with plans to address parking rates of the city and competitor’s, construction concerns, and how to best move forward with parking technology at next month’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

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