Logan Neighborhood Planning Meeting Notes  
July 25, 2012  
6:30-8pm/Gonzaga Plant Services Bldg

Attendees: Ken Wenham, Paul Kropp, Brandon Betty, Chris Kelly, Karen Byrd, Nikole Porter

Meeting Notes from June 27th were reviewed with no revisions

Discussion of the Form Based Code Pilot Project and Studio Cascade’s Model Form Based Code document provided to us by Nikole. Form Based Code provides predictability & flexibility. The pilot area proposed would be from Sharp to Mission Ave. The budget for the pilot is approximately $20K which includes streetscape elements. Engineering isn’t part of the proposal. Once the draft model code is adopted, city staff incorporates it into the municipal code. The approximate cost for engineering implementation is $20-30K per intersection.

Brandon Betty, representing the University District, shared that they are developing a Public Development Authority (PDA) tool which includes sales tax, property tax & other funds that would pay for public improvements (i.e. fire suppression systems, utility upgrades) for projects that are in line with the Comprehensive Plan and the U-District Revitalization Area Plan. Brandon said that U-District can help fund design at the Trent intersection.

Some questions came up for Bill Grimes w/Studio Cascade regarding whether design can be specific enough for easy implementation, what a “graphically rich report” means, and the need for a clear public participation plan for the neighborhood so that the project doesn’t get derailed at the end of the process.

Discussion around the need to tie in the city’s current engineering planning/signalization improvements on the Hamilton corridor. Nikole will talk to city engineer Ray Wright. Nikole mentioned that engineering’s project could be more about management than capacity. She is also going to find out if Sharp & Mission intersections are included on the impact fee list.

Nikole shared that a planning student who is a licensed landscape architect is interested in helping us out with streetscape design on the corridor. The group is recommending that the student take on identifying neighborhood identity, including streetscape design, at the intersections of Trent/Hamilton & Foothills/Hamilton. The group agreed that we would pay him a stipend of $1000 to do the work.

The final discussion was about the city’s request to Logan to allow several fueling companies to temporarily use the Hamilton corridor for their refueling trucks while the Green Street Bridge is being redesigned and reinforced which will take 2-3 years. A temporary ordinance would be developed with conditions if the residents and business owners supported this proposal. The consensus was that this doesn’t fit into the vision the neighborhood has of implementing a safe pedestrian environment, a place where people want to live, & where neighborhood serving
businesses want to locate. More discussion with the LNO (Logan Neighborhood Organization) membership will occur.

Next Steps: A Neighborhood Planning update to the LNO will be provided by Nikole & me at the next meeting on Tuesday, August 21st, at 6:30pm at Fourth Memorial Church. Our next Neighborhood Planning stakeholder group meeting will take place on **Wednesday, August 15th, at 6:30pm** at the Gonzaga Plant Services Bldg. A student planner named Will is going to share how he can help us with planning for the Hamilton Corridor.