Monroe Street Project Meeting Notes
July 28, 2016

Advisory Board Members in Attendance: Dale Westhaver, EJ Ianelli, Megan Kennedy, Mike Trautman, Chris Bornhoft, Mike Wallace, Jill Leonetti

Public Participants: Steve Hopkins, John Leonetti, Jason Huston, Gary Jarvis, Katy Azar

Review of Questions from July 13, 2016, Meeting

- Transit
  - High performance transit network
  - ADA and bicycles
  - Transit Meeting with STA in September
- Traffic
  - LOS
  - Residential traffic impact
  - Snow Removal
  - Emergency Response Vehicles
- Other
  - Underground utilities
    - Working with Avista
  - City Investment
    - $2.5 million
  - Garbage Trucks
  - Traffic Operations Meeting in August

Summary of Project

- Centers & Corridors
  - Infill Strategy outlined in Comprehensive Plan
  - Application of the Live/Work/Play Concept
  - An Infill Strategy helps manage growth, lowers costs of extending infrastructure, and decreases consumption of rural lands
- North Monroe is identified as a Centers & Corridors
  - Characteristics of the CC1 and CC2 zoning along Monroe
    - Greater Intensity of Development
    - Businesses cater to neighborhood residents
    - Transit
    - Street-fronted building
    - Central gathering spaces
    - Pedestrian emphasis while being auto accommodating
• How do we drive growth to Centers & Corridors?
  o Land Use and Zoning
  o Public Investment
  o Economic Development Programs
  o Incentives

• What Can Success Look Like?
  o Success is different in different locations
  o $3.4 billion investments in Downtown
  o U-District in progress
  o Market, South Perry, East Sprague

• Questions and Answers From This Section
  o How does housing play into this?
    ▪ We need a certain amount of housing to support increased services
    ▪ Housing would be within mixed use buildings on corridor
    ▪ Mixed use on corridor

Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Action Plan
• Visionary and conceptual plan with 20 year outlook assembled by large stakeholder team
• North Monroe Project is the heart of Emerson-Garfield neighborhood
• Issues identified as high priority for Neighborhood as a whole
  o Pedestrian safety
  o Neighborhood beautification
  o Business diversity
  o Community resources
  o Alternative and Public transportation
  o Neighborhood Connectivity and Events
  o Monroe Corridor

• Issues identified has high priority for Monroe Corridor
  o Pedestrian Safety
  o Neighborhood Beautification
  o Public Transportation
  o Business Diversity
  o Community Resources
  o Neighborhood Life
  o Engage with Business

• Questions and Answers From The July 28 Meeting:
  o How to meet/engage with the North Monroe Business Association?
    ▪ The Organization has not been active for several years; however, efforts are under way to re-establish the association
  o Did the bus already leave the station? Will we as the citizens be heard?
    ▪ Brandon: That is the point of this advisory board; to provide opportunity for input

- This is the big background meeting, we will continue to find what pieces can be moved around
- The neighborhood council did invite businesses to get involved and hosted business-only events; neighborhood council continues to advocate for business participation in meetings
  - Neighborhood spent extensive time going door-to-door and making sure businesses were notified of meetings. This was an extensive outreach project
  - This Advisory Board is a continuation of outreach
  - The meeting times (both neighborhood council and advisory board meetings may not be convenient for some
    - The City is looking to the Advisory Board to help with outreach
  - Partial closure/full closure/hybrid?
    - There are many options- Sprague wanted a full closure to get it done as fast as possible
    - No decision have been made on this point; the Advisory Board will be providing input to the City on the best approach for N. Monroe with extensive input from property and business owners on North Monroe
  - Will traffic calming hurt my business?
    - 15% volume reduction at peak times; means two things can happen: (1) the peak time for travel may increase slightly; (2) some traffic during peak time will use alternative routes.
  - What is the city going to do to ensure a 9-month construction time?
    - 9 months is a conceptual construction schedule
    - The details will be worked out with the collaboration of the Advisory Board which represents businesses, property owners, and the neighborhood

**Project Goals**

- Safety
- Enhance Streetscape
- Pedestrian Access
- Support Daily Traffic Volumes
- Create Cohesive Business Area

**Lessons from East Sprague**

- Improved Fiscal and Economic Health
- Wide range of opportunities
  - Enhancing walkability
  - Creative placemaking
  - Transit
• Housing
• Place management

• What we learned
  • Focus within the focus area
  • Improve connections to surrounding neighborhood
  • Establish place management
  • Use complete/integrated streets to build value
  • Improve transit service

Final Questions
• Current status of water and sewer? Are the scheduled for repair? Need or opportunity base? If they are in good condition, does that lend more to a partial shutdown?
  • Water and sewer not in bad shape, mostly opportunity based, may lend itself to a partial shutdown
• Monroe is going from 5 to 3 lanes, but the details are to be decided by stakeholders
• Police and Fire Access?
  • City will design a street that will accommodate emergency vehicles
  • We will meet with emergency service providers to understand their concerns

Next on the Agenda
• 2 meetings in August
  • Meeting #1: August 11, 2016, 7:30am @ City Hall – 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd
    ▪ Meeting Topic: Stormwater, Parking, and Landscaping
  • Meeting #2: August 25, 2016, 7:30am @ City Hall – 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd
    ▪ Meeting Topic: Traffic and Street Operations
• 2 meetings in September
  • Meeting #1: September 8, 2016, 7:30am @ City Hall – 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd
    ▪ Meeting Topic: Transit
  • Second is a full public meeting (date to be determined)