

**DATE:** October 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** DESC meeting notes  
3 to 5 p.m., CAWOOD Conference Room

**PREPARED BY:** John Lively

DESC members present: Charlotte Behm, Bob Kline, Vicky Mello and Scott Wylie  
Others: Sonny Chickering, ODOT and John Lively, CAWOOD

### **Meeting Summary**

Meeting purpose: Finalize recommendations on for ADT 3, north bank enhancements, as proposed by Litus, LLC.

Meeting handouts: Agenda dated 10/21/11, minutes from 9/16/11, design enhancement budget summary dated 9/2/11, and two design options for Canoe Canal area and estimated costs provided by Justin Lanphear dated 10/20/11.

Members of the DESC met earlier to review all options and reach consensus on recommendations and next steps. Remaining budget available for ADT 3 is **\$369,000**. From the Litus proposals:

- Camas botanical blue stones for the south side of the Canoe Canal Path under the bridge - \$25,864
- CILOS – Community Involvement - \$132,300
- Litus total budget: **\$158,164**

Additional enhancements selected for the north bank to be developed by others:

- Kalapuya canoe representation on north bank of Canoe Canal - \$94,000
- Large river boulders placed in the area on north bank of the Willamette near the North Bank Path - \$50,000
- Bike racks on the north bank near the path and under the bridge - \$13,000
- Total other enhancements: **\$157,000**

Additional funds for maintenance recommended:

- \$24,136 for maintenance/replacement of Camas blue stones
- \$29,700 for maintenance of CILOS
- Total set aside for maintenance: **\$53,836**
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**Total of recommendations: \$369,000**

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The committee further recommends that the funds for maintenance of the CILOS be part of a contract with Walama for maintenance, not part of the overall Eugene Parks maintenance budget. Funds to replace the blue stones could be part of the maintenance agreement with Willamalane.

Rationale for recommendations:

- Cost of the proposed enhancements by Litus far exceeds the funds available.
- The proposed enhancements are too unnatural. What is put in place needs to be focused on river.
- Tree Here Now proposal is too much concrete and paving, distracting from the river.
- Recommended enhancements are not consistent with the theme and guidelines adopted by the CAG and PDT.
- Return to theme of canoe representation on north bank of Canoe Canal.
- Take advantage of work Justin Lanphear did for enhancements between paths under Canoe Canal Bridges and on north bank.
- Use others to design canoe representation, bike rack and limited work on north bank.
- Concerned about ongoing maintenance of any enhancements and if the funds already identified and part of the intergovernmental agreements, are enough and available to the best parties to carry out the work.

Sonny – Summary of current status and next steps.

- The RFP for ADT 3 asked for artists to provide recommendations to fill spaces on north bank. Litus fulfilled the request, now up to DESC to make selections and to notify Litus.
- Need to agree to budget for items selected and close this phase with Litus.
- Agree on total budget, what is left after work with Litus and how to complete work on other items.
- Follow-up with CAG and PDT on recommendations from Litus and additional items to develop.

Discussion:

Charlotte – DESC prefers to work with Lillian Pitt on canoe design for north bank of Canoe Canal. Suggest making this work part of contract with Lillian for the above deck enhancement.

Bob – At this point recommends asking Lillian to provide an estimate based on concept outlined by DESC.

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Sonny – Need to get clarification on restrictions on amount of money that can be added to a contract or used to establish a new contract without having to call for bids or follow the RFP process. This will impact how to proceed with other work the DESC is recommending.

Charlotte – North bank area was never discussed in Parks Advisory meetings so no direction provided. Should be a topic for the meeting being scheduled for Nov. 4. DESC recommendation is to keep focus on river.

Scott – Concept of river boulders is both to provide something to break up of the space and to provide some places for people to sit. Some limited paving or other connection between the path and the boulders. River boulders are to be natural, not shaped obviously like benches. Justin Lanphear might be able to provide some guidance. The size of the boulders eliminates this as a project volunteers could complete.

Charlotte – Very concerned about the maintenance of the enhancements and the ability of the City of Eugene to maintain, even with the funds set aside. Feels for the CILOS especially, Walama is in a better position to do the work and is much more cost effective. Feels any contract should be with them.

Vicky – CILOS is all outside of the ODOT right-of-way and so not part of the intergovernmental agreements currently being drafted between the public agencies and ODOT.

Sonny – Need to review maintenance options and who would manage any contract. ODOT does not want to manage any maintenance contracts, but rather turn that over to the local public agencies. Asked if Walama is currently under contract and doing work for the City of Eugene. Vicky believes they are or at least have been.

Review of questions prepared by DESC:

1. *In the Canoe Canal area we want the area between the paths to use the design Justin made.*

Response: Sonny -Preliminary estimates from Justin were in the range of \$100,000 to \$150,000. The amount of funds in the construction budget for minimal work in that area is \$25,000. Not enough funds available under the current recommendations to fully fund what he has recommended.

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Charlotte – Need to discuss this at the Nov. 4 meeting to decide what we can live with. Asked for clarification on what is planned for the north bank of the Canoe Canal and the bank south of the Canoe Canal shoreline. One suggestion is just to use the same treatment between the paths with some large boulders.

Sonny – Most likely standard slope paving is scheduled on all banks under the Canoe Canal Bridges and on the north bank of the river.

- 2. How can we choose the railing for the Canoe Canal so that it will be similar to the south bank viaduct path?*

Response: Sonny – Since a design has been completed for the viaduct path, makes sense to use the same on the Canoe Canal.

- 3. Can we proceed with contacting Lillian Pitt for design of 3 or more canoes on the north slope of Canoe Canal?*

Response: Sonny – Need to close loop with Litus and meet with CAG and PDT members for approval before proceeding.

- 4. On the north bank under the bridge, what will ODOT install now that Tree Here Now is not recommended?*

Response: Sonny - At this time the only plans that are part of the construction project is to complete path and standard slope paving on north bank under bridges.

- 5. Can we get together with representatives of the parks to talk about options now that we have deleted most of the enhancements recommended by Litus?*

Response: Meeting set for Nov. 4, 10 am at the Hamilton construction office on Franklin.

- 6. Will the path on the north bank be resurfaced after construction?*

Response: Depends on the condition of the path after the material now covering it is removed.

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*7. Where do we go from here?*

Response: Vicky – Notify Litus and meet with CAG and PDT to review recommendations.

Charlotte – Do not believe we need to meet formally with the CAG and PDT. Summarize in email and the DESC follow-up by phone with the other CAG and PDT members.

Sonny – Critical first step is to send a letter to Litus and complete work with them. Suggested John draft something for the DESC to send.

Charlotte - For CAG and PDT outline the selected work from Litus and list of other recommendations from the DESC. Keep meeting short and focused on current recommendations.

Scott – Need to clarify the amounts that can be spent without formal bids or RFP process. Need to clarify the amount that can be spent from amending the contract Lillian already has.

Other – Priority to get letter to Litus before meeting with parks on Nov. 4. Vicky to follow-up with Lee Shoemaker at the City of Eugene about costs of recent bike racks city installed. It has been suggested to work with Lee Imonen's class at LCC to design bike rack.

Additional topic – Lighting of art pieces above the deck.

Sonny – Devon Fields wants to light his basket to be located south of the river. He is willing to pay to have the power available at the site. Based on concerns about any lighting reflecting into the park, need to clarify.

Charlotte – The biggest concern over lighting was any lighting on the bridge. Do not think lighting shining up on the sculptures should be a problem, especially on the south bank.

Bob – Agrees that lights shining up on the art pieces should not be a problem.

Charlotte – In addition, since Lillian's work will be in the center of the freeway, even less concern about any lighting. Would like to know the location of the Rhiza work to better understand any risk of lighting reflecting back into the park.

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Sonny – At this point the only artist who has recommended or asked about lighting is Devin Field.

Scott – Concerned especially with Lillian’s work if it is not lit at night, how readable any of it will be with only headlights reflecting off of the stainless steel piece. Would conduit for power (and power line itself) be cheaper if installed during construction, now, than after the bridges are finished?