

DATE: Oct. 24, 2012

SUBJECT: DESC Meeting notes
3:30 to 5 p.m., CAWOOD Conference Room

PREPARED BY: John Lively

DESC members present: Charlotte Behm, Vicky Mello, Scott Wylie, Chris Henry, Bob Kline and Joe Valasek

Others: Sonny Chickering, ODOT, Frannie Brindle, ODOT and John Lively, CAWOOD

Meeting purpose: Updates on RFP for north bank Canoe Canal canoe rendering, Litus contract, remaining enhancement budget and next steps on three enhancement areas the DESC will work with Justin Lanphear on.

Meeting Summary

New ODOT representative:

Sonny introduced Frannie Brindle who will be attending the DESC meetings in the future and taking over ODOT coordination. Sonny will remain involved to provide a historical perspective. Expect the transition to take two to three months.

North bank of Canoe Canal RFP:

Sonny and Frannie reviewed a final draft from Major Project Branch today. Remaining is a couple of minor edits, attaching some Kalapuya canoe pictures and follow-up with Douglas on the amount of time needed by artists/designers to respond. Current schedule is to send the document by Nov. 15 with responses (based on input from Douglas) by late December. DESC would receive qualifying proposals in early January 2013.

- Once the RFP is released, artists/designers will be directed to contact ODOT with any questions. Douglas or members of the DESC cannot have any contact with the bidders. Contact could lead to disqualification.
- Justin asked for clarification on what his role if any will be with this enhancement. DESC goal is all enhancements in the area compliment each other, or at least do not distract. Therefore Justin needs to consider the impact of the proposed canoe rendering on the area between the paths.
- Sonny - another issue ODOT is addressing is the fact that one of the early Litus proposals included three-dimensional canoes on the north bank. This could be an issue if the new proposals are too similar to what was previously presented.

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- Charlotte – The concept of the canoe on the north bank precedes Litus proposals. Idea came from CPC and was discussed by CAG/PDT before proposals on ADT 3 were requested.

Contract with Litus:

- Sonny updated the members on discussions with Litus to finalize contract. Progress has been slowed based on the contract group focus on the RFP. Currently working to finalize the portion related to the “blue tile” to be installed on the south side of the Canoe Canal Path. Contract to include design, fabrication and installation. The goal is to have a draft of this contract by mid-November. Karl is involved to coordinate this with the construction project.
- Further work is needed to understand and develop a strategy for a contract for CILOS. This is not an enhancement, but rather a program that includes restoration in certain park areas. Charlotte asked about the potential to contract directly with Walama since they teamed with Litus on the proposal and will be involved with the work. Chris suggested treating this like a professional services contract with Litus who can subcontract with Walama. Further review and discussion of potential options are required before any final contract.

Enhancement budget update:

Sonny has updated the budget based on actions taken by the CAG/PDT. He will send out a new copy to DESC members. Charlotte asked for clarification on any remaining funds for ADT 2, not paid to Greenworks, but available for south bank. Sonny indicated the estimate provided by Karl to replace the fencing on the north bank of the Canoe Canal is \$35,000. Cost includes funds to remove the fencing that is there and install a new fence that would be the same as slated on the Viaduct Path but without the rub rail. Sonny reiterated that the RFP does not include these funds or mention of the fencing.

Vicky asked about the status of the location for rhiza A&D art piece for above deck. Sonny indicated that all contracts are signed, notice to proceed issued and the artists are beginning work on final designs and construction drawings. Work is being coordinated with Karl and construction team.

Justin asked if the issue regarding orientation of the Lillian Pitt Team had been resolved. Scott feels it is important for the DESC to understand the status to make sure it is consistent with the intent. Joe reiterated the need to address material and angle to avoid reflections hampering traffic.

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Sonny - all the issues around the above deck enhancements are being addressed through ODOT. Specifically Karl and the construction team work to incorporate the final pieces into the project.

Roles and responsibilities – DESC/Justin:

- Sonny – previously Justin worked for OBEC and provided support for conceptual ideas. Once a contract is in place he will work directly for ODOT. The contract will be to develop recommendations on designs for the three locations. Money to pay for any work that Justin completes will come out of the remaining design enhancement budget. The focus for this meeting is for DESC to provide input/concepts to Justin. He will work to create designs for review. He will be working for ODOT, not an independent consultant doing work for the DESC.
- Vicky – what about the plan ODOT already has for what would happen in the areas if no design enhancements were installed? Justin indicated existing drawings do exist as part of the work for the final construction phase of the bridge project. He indicated those drawings show limited landscaping and the use of standard slope paving.
- Charlotte – concerned about the amount of money needed to pay Justin especially for attending the DESC meetings versus creating designs. Sonny indicated the final budget decisions are still be finalized with Jim Cox the person with final approval. The time Justin is spending for this DESC meeting is not being charged to the DE budget.
- Justin – Asked who would install the enhancements? He assumes the ODOT contractor will. His understanding is he will develop two concepts to present to the DESC for each area. The DESC will select the final one for recommendation to the CAG/PDT
- Chris – It is not clear if Justin is like a commissioned artist, taking the concepts and developing the final product with no additional input. Chris feels CAG/PDT provided authority to the DESC to complete these enhancements.
- Justin – Parks approval is necessary as has been discussed before and at the most recent Parks Advisory meetings.
- Sonny - When the designs are done (three?) DESC will accept them and provide as information only to the members of the CAG/PDT. Probably just electronically.

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- Vicky – Important that Justin attend the Parks Advisory meetings when the designs are presented and reviewed.

The three locations:

- **South bank** – Justin suggested taking a tour and make final decisions on the locations to focus on.
- Scott – He provided pictures to show concepts of how to create enhancements and keep the site as nature created it.
- Charlotte – All areas should be as natural as possible.
- Joe – Provided some sketches of possibilities based on his observations of the area and different elevations.
- Justin – need to confirm with ODOT if the project boundaries include this area, but it appears they do.
- Vicky – emphasized the need to continue to consider the locations of the two kiosks and the impact they will have on the area and other enhancements.
- Charlotte – Requested Frannie help sort out issues on the south bank including the status and impact of kiosks for Tribe and historic Eugene millrace. Based on the issues around the kiosks and waiting for proposals on the north bank of the Canoe Canal, Charlotte supports focusing on the north bank of the river under the new bridges.
- Justin – Agrees with the current focus being the north bank. However, before he can begin he needs to deliver and overall scope to ODOT and reach agreement on terms.
- Scott – Does not agree that all three areas need to be “integrated”, but feels they can proceed independently. Each area has different aspects to consider and relationships with surrounding areas. He supports starting on the north bank. Agrees that touring soon is important to get started with next steps.
- **North bank**
 - Justin – Observations on the space on the north bank includes increased space available, opportunities on both sides of the path and on either end.
 - ODOT probably install standard slope paving on the steepest portion of the slope on north side of path.
 - Parks departments concerned about camping, vandalism, trash and skateboarding in this area.
 - Scott – The focus should be on the river. Do not overdesign but keep it simple and don't try to engage all the space with “things.”
 - Joe – Based on conversations, agrees it is a good idea to take a tour to see current conditions.
 - Vicky – CPC is concerned about too much hard surface versus a more natural area.

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- Justin – May be some limited landscape opportunities in this area, especially between the bridges. Additional options besides boulders and gravel for covering some of the area might include other plantings.
- Chris – Asked if crushed granite is an option to consider? Yes
- Scott – Important to take time now to understand better the zones of nature and the transitions under the bridges.

Next Steps:

- Take tour of the north bank area to include Karl.
- ODOT agreement on scope of work and contract with Justin to include DESC timeline and meetings with him.
- Sonny – After tour, DESC should meet or otherwise summarize observations of the tour to provide to Justin.
- Chris – An option is to meet at the Hamilton construction trailer and debrief and summarize feedback for Justin. Also, would like to set next steps to keep work on the south bank moving, especially in relationship to the other kiosks.