



Meeting Minutes - Draft
STATE STREET DESIGN PROJECT
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 22, 2009

5:15 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Rm LL-130 (Madison Municipal Building)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Fruhling (Planning Division), Chris Petykowski (Engineering Division), Capt. Mary Schauf (Police Department), and Kay Rutledge (Parks Division).

REGISTERED GUEST: Sandra Torkildson (1214 Elizabeth St.), Mary Carbine (Madison Central BID), and Rosemary Lee (111 W. Wilson).

Present: 6 -

Bridget R. Maniaci; Bryon A. Eagon; Ted Crabb; Kenneth M. Streit;
Michael W. Rewey and Celia A. Klehr

Excused: 3 -

Michael E. Verveer; James C. Boll and Bruce F. Woods

2. APPROVAL OF July 22, 2009 MINUTES

A motion was made by Klehr, seconded by Eagon, to Approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2009 meeting as written. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

4. [15736](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Amending Section 10.32(7)(j) and creating Secs. 10.32(7)(n) and (o) of the Madison General Ordinances to add requirements for locating news boxes on State Street and the Capitol Square.

A motion was made by Streit, seconded by Klehr, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval with amendments to change the map to show that the Capitol Square District extends 125-feet beyond the rights-of-way of the Capitol Square streets, and that the ordinance take effect six months from the date of passage by the Common Council to the Community and Economic Development Unit. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 3 -

Michael E. Verveer; James C. Boll and Bruce F. Woods

Ayes: 5 -

Bryon A. Eagon; Ted Crabb; Kenneth M. Streit; Michael W. Rewey and
Celia A. Klehr

Noes: 1 -

Bridget R. Maniaci

Fruhling gave an overview of the ordinance and highlighted the changes between the original version and the substitute. He stated that the vendors were notified of the proposed changes and of this Committee meeting, and that staff had not received any contacts from them regarding the changes.

Rosemary Lee registered in support and stated that this will help beautify the Square.

Mary Carbine registered in support and stated that reducing the visual clutter and creating an attractive streetscape will be good for businesses on the Square. She also supports extending the requirements down the "spoke" streets from the Square a distance of one block to bring uniformity to the district.

The Committee discussed the need to identify the limits of the "Capitol Square District" as referred to in the ordinance. It also discussed when this should take effect.

Maniaci stated that she doesn't feel this is necessary and will gentrify the Square. She also noted that changes in the industry have lead to fewer vending boxes.

Klehr noted that this is part of the overall design plan that has been in the works for a long time and that such design details are important for the overall aesthetic.

5. Peace Park Plans Update

Mike Sturm, of Ken Saiki Design, gave an overview of the current plans noting that the site plan is largely unchanged, but the building has evolved to a simpler design removing the cylindrical form on its roof and improving sight lines into the park.

Sandra Torkildson registered in support stating that the visitor center is important to businesses and should support sales and generate tax revenue, part of which supports social services that some of the Park's current users rely on. She also felt the police presence would be a positive.

Mary Carbine registered in support, noting that the BID will partner with the City to operate the facility.

Rosemary Lee registered in support and noted that Ald. Verveer (who could not attend due to illness) was also in support.

Fruhling noted that letters of support were received from Downtown Madison, Inc., the Greater State Street Business Association, and the BID.

Schauf stated that although the new building will decrease visibility into the park somewhat, she is satisfied with the sightlines from State and Gilman Streets. She feels the new design will bring more users to the park even when the visitors center is closed. She said that some existing cameras may be repositioned to optimize camera angles.

The Committee also discussed the placement of the ATM and the service window.

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Streit to approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. General Project Updates

Petykowski stated that the 2009 projects for Gorham Street/Broom Street and 400 block of Gilman Street are done and trees are being planted. The plans for the 200 block of Gilman Street will be put out for bid on October 23 with construction expected to begin in June 2010.

Also in 2010, Lake Street from University Avenue to Langdon Street will be completed. The design will reflect the other side streets and will come back to the Committee for approval. Crabb requested that the steps along the east side be removed. Rewey requested a bike lane that would allow bicyclists to turn left towards the Square. The Committee also reviewed the capital budget and scheduling of the remaining side streets.

Fruhling stated that the Four Lakes fountain is operational and is awaiting final City acceptance. He explained that there was a design change from the original plans and staff explored potential alterations with the artists. Klehr stated the Madison Arts Commission feels the work is completed and should be accepted as is. The Committee requested staff to send a "strong message" to the Parks Division that the recently placed plywood cover be removed since the piece was designed to be viewed year-round and not just when the water was flowing.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 28, 2010.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Eagon, seconded by Klehr, to Adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.