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Meeting Minutes - Approved JOINT WEST CAMPUS AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

4:45 PM

WARF Bldg., Room 132

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 12 -

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Eric W. Sundquist; Robbie Webber; Douglas K. Carlson; Everett D. Mitchell; Gary A. Brown; Rob Kennedy; Kelly Ignatoski; Connie B. Brachman; Mark A VanderWoude; Karl Frantz and Liz E. Vowles

Absent: 7 -

Chris Schmidt; Enis T. Ragland; Elizabeth M. Greene; Mark C. Wells; Andrew Howick; Mark L. Sundquist and Tim Rikkers

Excused: 3 -

Sue Ellingson; Sherwood Malamud and David K. Gardner

Observers in attendance: Dave Benforado (Madison Gas & Electric); Daniel O'Callaghan (Regent Neighborhood Association); Brandon King (UW Hospital); Lynn Pitman (Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association).

Staff to the Committee: Gary Brown (interim)

Membership Changes: Nan Fey is no longer on the Plan Commission and therefore is no longer their representative on Joint West. Alder district 10 is no longer represented on Joint West due to redistricting. Alder Shiva Bidar introduced Dan O'Callaghan, the new Regent Neighborhood Association representative to Joint West, replacing Betsy Greene (yet to be confirmed). Caitlin Siefert moved out of the Greenbush neighborhood and they will need to nominate a replacement for her on Joint West. All of the alders are now voting members. In the past, they were non-voting.

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Rob Kennedy at 4:48 p.m. with a quorum being present and the meeting noticed per City of Madison requirements.

REVIEW AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda was reviewed and approved as presented. Minutes of the February 27, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Dave Benforado from MG&E introduced himself as the new representative from MG&E replacing Bob Stoffs who recently retired from MG&E. No other public comment, disclosures or recusals were heard.

Nomination and Election of Co-Chair

Doug Carlson from the Vilas Neighborhood was nominated as co-chair for the Joint West Campus Area Committee by Gary Brown. Seconded by Mark VanderWoude. No other nominations were received from the floor. Nominations were closed. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Doug joins Rob Kennedy as co-chair of the committee.

LOCAL AGENCY UPDATES

Shorewood Hills - Karl Frantz noted that repaving and reconstruction of Marshall Court continues and should be done by August 1st. The apartment project on Marshall Court also continues in construction. The project at Walnut Grove is under construction as well. The Pyare Square project has resubmitted their application for their project in the next year. Concerns have been raised about pedestrian crossings along University Avenue. A MOU between the city and the village related to fire and emergency services is being drafted which will help reduce jurisdictional issues and collaborative efforts between the two municipalities.

Karl also noted that the State's Joint Finance committee recommended that local municipalities cannot be more stringent on their stormwater regulations than the current state regulations. That would impact the Village's stormwater regulations which in fact are more stringent.

City of Madison - Alder Bidar reported on the stormwater and Highland Avenue project that will continue through the summer. The University Avenue/West Campus traffic study continues in progress. A report is expected in the fall with additional community involvement meetings as the project moves forward. Shiva is also talking with the city's Traffic Engineering staff to extend the Kendall Street bike boulevard out to Midvale Boulevard via Bluff Street. Unfortunately a fire occurred at the Olive Jones playground. Equipment there is being replaced.

Robby Webber reported that the bus rapid transit study has been completed and includes a recommended route on University Avenue. The mainline route will run east-west through downtown Madison.

Liz Vowles asked about extending the bike path on Bluff Street and concerns that neighbors in her area are concerned with the proposal. The issue with having a dedicated bike lane would require removal of parking along the street. The project would include "sharrows" to help let people know that they should share the road with the bicyclists.

The University Avenue corridor plan draft will soon be released and sent to the city for review. The planning document will go through city review this fall. The area of study is from Breese Terrace on the east to Grand Avenue on the west.

University of Wisconsin - Gary provided an update of the following projects:

WIMR, Tower II and West Wedge Infill - the Tower II project continues in construction; West Wedge Infill has started construction (Hospital project).

Lakeshore Housing, Phase II - in construction; scheduled opening in fall 2013

West Campus CogGen Chiller Addition - construction work will begin in mid to late June; contractor is currently mobilizing on site

Charter Street Heating Plant Upgrades - continues in construction; expected completion in late 2013

Softball Practice Facility - phase 2 work is well underway and will be complete later this summer

Carson Gulley Renovation - substantial completion will be issued soon for opening in August

Student Athlete Performance Center - Phase 3 well underway; site work has begun including the redevelopment of the north practice field; project will be substantially complete in December

Cooper Hall School of Nursing Building - construction continues on schedule; building is fully enclosed; projected completion is fall 2014.

West Campus Parking Study - Strand is working on a first draft of their report, due out later this summer.

West Campus Parking Ramp Expansion - status update later tonight; 10% report has been completed; EIA process will start soon; will be back later this year with a draft report from the Traffic Impact Analysis and for a recommendation to the Plan Commission

UW Hospital - Brandon King report that the American Family Children's Hospital expansion project continues on schedule. The east lane on Highland Avenue currently being used for construction staging will be open in the fall.

Karl Frantz noted that the Ronald McDonald House has requested a project to expand the facility by purchasing a parcel next to their existing building.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Regent - Dan O'Callaghan noted that they had their spring neighborhood association meeting recently. They continue working on the University Avenue corridor plan for fall consideration by the Common Council. He noted that transit and transportation items need further work in that plan. They are also keeping an eye on the west side traffic study. The Regent Neighborhood Association is also planning for their annual block party.

Sunset Village - Liz Vowles reported that the Joint Hoyt Area Neighborhood Plan was introduced to the Common Council last night and will be up for approval in August. A local group of citizens has formed an interest group related to safety and pedestrian crossings in the neighborhood.

Vilas - Doug Carlson reported that they are planning for their block party in June. They are working hard with Edgewood College on their new master plan. No official position has been taken yet on their draft plan.

Greenbush - no report.

Dudgeon-Monroe - Lynn Pitman reported for Sherwood Malamud that they have completed a capital fund raising program that has provided funds for the local libraries. They are also working with Edgewood College on their master plan and how it fits into the new Campus Institutional zoning district. On June 15 they will be holding their annual "Party in the Park" and help clean up areas around Lake Wingra.

TREATS

Hospital Parking Ramp Expansion Project (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Rob Kennedy reported that the parking ramp project has completed their 10% plans and continue with development of the design for the project. They are awaiting the draft report from the west side traffic study. Results are starting to come in which includes survey information and feedback from the public information sessions. The team has also completed a license plate survey that looked at how traffic movements are occurring around the neighborhood. Traffic count trends and average daily use is being projected out for the next 20 to 30 years. Potential improvements to the local roadways and intersections are also part of the study. A full report is expected later in the summer.

Robbie Webber noted that she heard more at the public meetings about the north/south bike/pedestrian crossings on University Avenue than about neighborhood cut through traffic. The latter doesn't appear to be a problem based on public comment in those meetings.

Next JWCAC Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.