



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 5:00 P. M.
SAN DIMAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CONFERENCE ROOM
245 E. BONITA AVENUE

PRESENT:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman
Councilmember Emmett Badar
Councilmember Denis Bertone
Councilmember John Ebiner

City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran
City Attorney Mark Steres
Assistant City Manager for Community Development Larry Stevens
Director of Public Works Krishna Patel
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Members of the Audience

None.

3. DOWNTOWN BOARDWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Michaelis provided a history of the project and prior discussions with the City Council. He added that staff has been working with Architerra Design Group to develop a concept plan based upon previous Council input. He further added that the objective tonight is to present some preliminary concept plans and that there are a series of decision points that staff would like direction on.

Councilmember Badar asked about input from community meetings. Mayor Morris responded that the Council needs to make some decisions now so that the process can move forward. Mr. Michaelis added that staff is looking to the Council for design decisions and that staff will work with the businesses on the implementation plan. Councilmember Ebiner confirmed that the final design will have final approval by the Council. Mayor Pro Tem Templeman commented that once the architect gets into final drawings things can't continue to be tweaked.

Richard Krumwiede, Architerra Design Group introduced Project Manager Robert Collings and distributed a design workshop check list to be used to help make some design decisions. He commented that based upon input from the City and a study of the existing conditions and historic elements they have developed two options for consideration. He also defined the scope of the project area.

He introduced Alternative #1 and #2 and reviewed the various elements of each.

Mr. Krumwiede stated that the first decision point is on the preferred hardscape surface. The Council discussed their thoughts and opinions on the two proposed surfaces. They agreed to defer ~~differe~~ making a decision for the moment.

Mr. Krumwiede presented three proposed tree approaches, including location and tree species. There was discussion on the characteristics of the proposed trees, planting sizes and planting techniques. The Council consensus was the white crape myrtle.

Mr. Krumwiede presented the next review as directional or way finder signage. He proposed that the idea is to eliminate the existing individual monument signs and propose more directory or way finder type signs. The consensus was the directory type options were too bulky and the preference is for post with placards approach. It was also suggested to include way finder signs at the rear of the buildings off the parking lots.

Mr. Krumwiede presented the topic of benches and trash receptacles. He suggested that the continued use of the existing style would work with the design. The consensus of the Council agreed.

Mr. Krumwiede presented the topic of bike racks. He showed examples of various designs of racks. There was discussion of the various proposed designs. There was a suggestion of a design like an orange. The consensus was the preference of a whimsical design like a bike or maybe an orange.

Mr. Krumwiede presented that currently there are a number of cluster mailboxes and proposed two different designs for more consolidated cluster boxes. The consensus was the preference for option "B" style mailbox.

Mr. Krumwiede presented that large planter pots are proposed for accent planting. He showed various styles and designs for pots. The consensus was for a colored pot, not concrete finish, maybe a terracotta. It was also suggested to incorporate a design into the pot like a city logo if possible. In response to a question he stated that they hadn't identified any specific plant palette yet but might include something cascading or a center plant for height.

Mr. Krumwiede presented the idea of murals on the sides of buildings at a few appropriate locations. There was discussion on the appropriate locations and size. The consensus was that it could be a good idea.

Mr. Krumwiede presented the idea of themed statuary's at several locations. There was some discussion. The consensus was that the Council may be open to the idea but it depended on the scale and theme.

Mr. Krumwiede asked if there was interest in banners or flags. It was mentioned that themed or event banners have been popular and there may be interest in them. There was discussion of retaining or reinstalling the flag poles. There wasn't much interest in this concept.

Mr. Krumwiede inquired about the inclusion of a clock tower. There was strong support for a vintage style clock.

Mr. Krumwiede discussed the various styles of tree well grates. The consensus was preference for the stock grate with a rust patina finish.

Mr. Krumwiede inquired about the desire for street tree lighting. He showed examples of various options. The consensus was for uplighting from the grates with the ability to add additional seasonal lighting.

Mr. Krumwiede commented that City will need to come up with a standard for fencing for outdoor dining areas. He offered some suggested alternatives for portable fencing installations.

Mr. Krumwiede discussed some street drainage issues with the bow-out areas and suggested bio swale planters to assist with the drainage. There was discussion regarding the design and concept. There was some concern with the look of the plantings and the potential need for a barrier between the area and sidewalk.

Mr. Krumwiede discussed the placement of historic markers on the face of buildings or in the pavement and showed examples. There was discussion on retaining the existing historic building photo markers in some fashion. He responded that they will explore other mounting options to retain the photo concept.

Mr. Krumwiede asked for interest in including a water feature and showed a few examples. Councilmember Ebiner expressed his strong desire that some type of water feature should be included and he shared some examples. There was discussion on the pros and cons of a water feature. The consensus of the Council was to not include a water feature.

The Council revisited the discussion on the type of hardscape material. It was the consensus of the Council that they favored the option that included the brick ribbon.

Mr. Michaelis informed the Council that some of the buildings will be required to remove the fixed awnings that encroach into the right-of-way and staff will begin to have discussions with those businesses. He also mentioned that the design shows improvements into some of the building entrances and thresholds that will have to be discussed with those building owners. He added that it may be necessary to provide an assistance program to assist them and other businesses with improvements.

Mr. Michaelis commented that with the input and direction given this evening the architect will begin to prepare a final master plan and present it back to the Council.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Study Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Duran, City Clerk