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**SW Gibbs St. Pedestrian Bridge
Citizen Advisory Committee
Meeting #3 Summary
Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 9:30 – 11:30
Portland Building, 2nd floor, Room B**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Citizen Advisory Committee	Technical Advisory Committee
William Danneman (alternate)	Jody Yates
Tom Noguchi	Wendy Cawley
Bob Durgan	April Bertelsen
Cari Froeber	Sandra Burtzos
Emily Gardner	
Don Baack	
Don Livingstone (alternate)	
John Perry	
Ken Love	
David Snyder	
Lee Moore	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Citizen Advisory Committee	
Jim Gardiner	
Erin Kelley	
Frank Phillips	

Guests: James Snyder, Leslie Howell, Kristin Calhoun

Only CAC members were specifically asked to attend; TAC member attendance was optional.

SUMMARY:

1. Regional Arts & Culture Council

Kristin Calhoun of the Regional Arts & Culture Council presented project funding and status information for three art projects in the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area (URA): 1) Gibbs Street Pedestrian Bridge, 2) South Waterfront Greenway, and 3) South Waterfront Neighborhood Park.

Funding for art projects has or will be received from the following projects:

- \$100,000 from tram
- \$49,000 from the greenway
- \$32,000 from the neighborhood park
- \$11,000 from the pedestrian bridge

Project funding will be distributed based on project need rather than a set percent of total available funds. Currently there are no private sector contributions to RACC, however the private sector is involved with an “artist in residence” program.

Kristin described that 2% of project costs are reserved for the “percent for art” funding. SDC’s and federal funding portions of projects do not contribute to the “percent for art” program.

2.00% – Percent for Art

1.25% - Artwork

0.55% - Program management (projects and registration, tracking, maintenance technicians)

0.20% - Future maintenance

RACC Artists have been selected for two projects:

- ❑ **South Waterfront Neighborhood Park – Doug Hollis** (www.douglashollis.com)
Doug will work with landscape architects to design the park. He will address site challenges such as wind and shadowing.
- ❑ **South Waterfront Greenway – Buster Simpson** (www.bustersimpson.net)
Buster will work with Walker Macy and Zidell to introduce art that connects the greenway to the history of the water dependent industries of the area.

Kristin agreed to provide a bird’s eye view visual summary of project locations.

2. Budget – Federal Allocation Spreadsheet

Jody Yates reviewed the federal allocation spreadsheet. The total project budget is \$11M, of which \$7M is allocated for actual construction. Discussion ensued about contingencies for construction cost overruns.

Don Baack suggested that the City look into purchasing steel futures to help control cost. Jody indicated she would look into the feasibility of the City performing this effort; however, she reminded the group that the bridge type (concrete, steel, timber) has not been selected yet. Some members of the CAC did not agree that the City should be involved in the futures market.

3. CH2M Hill Contract Negotiation

Leslie Howell of Howell Consulting is the project lead for consultant CH2M Hill. Leslie explained the following:

- ❑ The CH2M Hill contract has yet to be confirmed with ODOT, though finalization is expected shortly.
- ❑ A three-day intensive design process is tentatively scheduled for mid-May. A combination of CAC/TAC input and public feedback will be critical to a successful process.
- ❑ CH2M Hill has sub-consulted with bridge architect, Kevin Peterson. The project team believes he will bring the artist perspective to the project. [His CV and resume are available on the PDOT Gibbs Bridge webpage.](#)
- ❑ By fall of this year, the Gibbs Pedestrian Bridge is expected to be at 30% design.

4. Pedestrian Crossings – locations

Many attendees offered advantages and disadvantages of establishing pedestrian street crossings on Gibbs Street and Whitaker Street from the OHSU Marquam Hill Campus to the Gibbs Pedestrian Bridge.

Advantages to Gibbs Street:

- Pedestrians walk the fastest route, which makes Gibbs the natural choice
- Already made pedestrian adjustments to Gibbs (buried utilities, historic light poles, street trees)
- Complete the Gibbs Street pedestrian corridor

Advantages to Whitaker Street:

- Better sight distance on Naito
- Direct connection to OHSU
- Better ADA connection to Barbur Blvd
- Adjacent to Ross Island Grocery

No decision on which corridor for pedestrian improvements was made. Wendy and Jody will perform a site reconnaissance with existing appurtenances and geometry and make available to the group at the next meeting.

Additionally, various options for street crossings improvements were discussed:

- Actuated lights
- Red light cameras
- Enhanced cross-walks with islands
- Signal warrants

ODOT will need to weigh in on streets where ODOT has jurisdiction.

5. Other Topics

Lee Moore reported that the cars on Moody are speeding. Wendy Cawley suggested that he contact traffic enforcement via the neighborhood police officer with specific times of day when traffic speeds are highest. The City made a policy decision not to post 25 MPH signs due to costs associated with installation and maintenance.

6. Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2008
9:30 – 11:30 AM
Portland Building, 2nd floor, Room C