



## CITY OF OAKLAND

### NOTES

#### Community Action Group Meeting

Project: St Andrew's Plaza

Date: March 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Location: Golden Associates' Office: 300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 308

Notes by Valerie Conant

#### Attendees

WooJae Kim, Project Manager

Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator

Robert Kennedy, Park Supervisor II

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

Harry Hamilton, Public Information Officer

Karen Zukor, CAG Member

Romi Hall, CAG Member

Ray Kidd, CAG Member

Valerie Conant, Golden Associates

Monty Hill, Golden Associates

#### Discussion

- Demolition started 3/2/2016-Discussion about people loitering in different areas while plaza is closed
- Budget Discussion
  - Sidewalk surrounding the plaza needs repair or replacement. Can this be a separate project?
    - Possible funding from another source
    - Send cost estimate to Brigitte
    - Needs to include curb ramps at corners
- Traffic on San Pablo Avenue
  - Public Works received a grant for blinking light crosswalk enhancement at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Brockhurst Streets.
- Recap of Community Design Charrette Meeting #1 (2/11/2016)
- Presentation of 3 Design Alternatives
- Summary of Discussion of Design Alternatives:
  - Alt 1: Ground plane planting along San Pablo Ave will trap trash-Robert
  - Need to create "Friends of St Andrew's Plaza" for stewardship of the park-Logistic concerns of gate operation and enforcement of park hours
  - Trees
    - Trees provide shade making plaza too comfortable for undesirable activities, block views into plaza, and make plaza too dark at night.
    - Trees provide fresh air, nature for community

- Pedestrian-scale lights are under tree canopy
- Trees will be limbed up to provide visibility under canopy
- Street trees could be added later through Sierra Club/Urban Releaf
- Golden to show one alternative with no street trees on San Pablo Ave.
- Furniture
  - Temporary seating comes with activities
  - Possibility of storage bins similar to those used as cleaning stations at Lake Merritt for storage of movable furniture. Could be in ROW at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street
  - Could provide boulders for short-term seating: Popular idea
- Trash Receptacles
  - Parks Department has 2 in-ground receptacles available-will cost more to install
  - Parks Department has cardboard receptacle holders available. We can use these inside the plaza.
- Paving
  - More options?
  - St. Andrews is a Plaza, not a park. (It doesn't need to be "soft".)
  - Golden to show one option with some DG, other options with artistic treatment on concrete.
- Entrances
  - Some alternatives should show one entrance on San Pablo Ave.
- Harry noted that the project needs Public Art component.
- Suggestion to add signage for events
  - Locking case with composite wood and plexi-glass
- Plans for Community Feedback
  - Three alternatives to be posted on-site for community commenting until May 2016.
  - SpeakUp – Online engagement platform: "Detail what you find beneficial in each design, what you think is missing and should be added and what you think is present in the draft designs that should not be included."
  - Phone line: "Leave your feedback on the 3 design plan alternatives for St. Andrew's Plaza Renovation. Detail what you find beneficial in each design, what you think is missing and should be added and what you think is present in the draft designs that should not be