



CITY OF OAKLAND

NOTES

Community Action Group Meeting

Project: St Andrew's Plaza

Date: April 11, 2016 at 3:30 PM

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

Notes by Laurie Batha

Attendees

WooJae Kim, Project Manager

Lilly Soo Hoo, Architect, Project Delivery Division

Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator

Steven Curiel, Public Works

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison Council District 3

Harry Hamilton, Public Information Officer

Doug Taylor, CAG Member

Karen Zukor, CAG Member

Frederick Hormann, CAG Member

Martin Reynolds, CAG Member

Anne Bailey, CAG Member

Ray Kidd, CAG Member

Leslie Golden, Golden Associates

Laurie Batha, Golden Associates

Discussion

- Timing of the Conditional Use Permit required for new fence and lights; PRAC meets 2nd Wednesday of every month (except August).
- **Cost/funding of Custom Art on 6 ft. Fence**
 - Preliminary Estimates reflect insufficient funds for fence art. Fence art to be considered as Bid Alternate.
 - "Go Fund Me" crowd funding option to pay for additional cost for fence art (~ \$30K needed) (Martin Reynolds volunteered to help setup).
 - Park and Rec Foundation was mentioned as perhaps an organization to help raise funds as well.
 - Cost if art work is not installed as part of the entire fence, but as cutouts applied to areas of the fence or as panels.
 - As panels; depending on panel verses add on components, cost per panel \$4-8K per panel or less for cut-outs.
 - Feasibility of Panels phased later - discussed as not feasible.
 - Community competition - not enough time to facilitate during this process.

- Karen to contact local metal fabricators/artists for suggestions.
- How would the process work to integrate art into Project?
 - RFP to find artist - not feasible with timing.
 - Note as Decorative fence in contract. Golden to present decorative options at community meeting.
 - Need to submit Conditional Use Permit for the fence by next month if at all possible.
 - Leslie noted that we currently have 9 metal Oak leaves plus 2 acorns that could be used as part of the fence Art for FREE (will need to add monies for welding and paint finish).
 - Depending on budget, it was decided that decorative fence should be installed on the priority order of:
 1. Facing San Pablo
 2. At 32nd
 3. Filbert Street
- **Art Theme on Fence**
 - Picture of local residents done in metal silhouette on fence - noted that could foster stewardship and self-reflection; CAG member noted that “not many children using” the plaza and “could be tagged”.
 - Oak tree art can be “more for everyone”; show as City of Oakland - Oak logo standard.
 - Natural Oaks and Children combined was suggested.
- **Graffiti coating - tagging of panels, art work**
 - Contractor to provide 10 cans of paint in fence/art color.
 - Color/finish for fence was discussed; consensus was that it will be painted to look like Corten steel if feasible.
- **Light Poles**
 - Traditional Acorn style in the City’s standard Black color.
- **Trees**
 - Removal of Eucalyptus trees was discussed and dismissed as too costly to remove and replace, especially with community objections.
 - Trees to be shown:
 - Golden showing two tree types, one smaller under existing overhead utilities at the street and one specimen size Gingko at corner of 32nd Street and San Pablo.
 - Removal of Eucalyptus trees will not be on Saturday Community Agenda.
- **Trash Container**
 - Trash container servicing and cost were discussed. It was determined that there will be 3 trash containers one inside and two outside the fence, but not Bigbelly. They will be the Urban renaissance model in the color black.
- **Layout of Plaza design/location of gate**
 - A vote was held on which alternate those in attendance preferred; Alt 1 Gate centered on Plaza at San Pablo Ave; (4 votes) or Alt 2 Gate off center closer to San Pablo and 32nd corner (5 votes).

- **Boulders**
 - Boulders to remain
 - Number of Boulders to be approximately 3, large enough to lean against but comfortable to lean/sit on for only a short period of time.
- **Existing Sidewalk surrounding Plaza / drainage grate**
 - CAG member asked if there is money for new sidewalk surrounding Plaza
 - Budget for segments (only) of the existing sidewalk to be replaced
 - It was asked if grate/ cover for the exiting curb inlet (?) could be added to the project to deter people from putting trash in drain.
- **Plaza Paving**
 - Currently the design shows the paving within the plaza as scored concrete. It was asked if this could be colored concrete in a color that would complement the fence color.
 - Cost for adding color was discussed. It will be added as an Add Alt.
 - Width of sidewalk surrounding Plaza to be 8 ft.
- **Message Board**
 - Golden Associates to provide example of a Community Message Board for Saturday's Community meeting (In or outside fence to be determined)