

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, April 6th 2017 AT 7:30 A.M.
IN THE SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
SANDUSKY, OHIO**

PRESENT:

Members:Chair Carl McGookey, Vice Chair Mark Harrington, Sec. Tim Schwanger, Mike Zuilhof, Bill Semans, John Lippus, Kevin Zeiher, Steve Poggiali, Dave Miller.

Judy Corso and Joe Hayberger excused.

Staff—City Manager Eric Wobser and Angie Byington

**MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Meeting to order 7:37am

The minutes of the March 2nd 2017 meeting were approved upon a Motion by Mr. Zeiher, seconded by M. Harrington Motion Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATE

Director of Neighborhood Planning and Development Angie Byington reported that

- A.) Shoreline Drive and Jackson Street Pier**—Open House kick off at State Theater was heavily attended-9 stations were set up for residents to voice ideas and concerns on timeline, current city initiatives, waterfront ideas, memories of the JSP, pier programming, Shoreline Drive-good turnout given the weather (200)- residents, staff and consultants felt the station type programming was a good way to kick things off (less intimidation)-working with consultants to compile residents' concerns and ideas-most people wanted medium scale improvements maintaining functionality-some green space-views maintained-functionality for ferry lines, parking, green space-compiling information-will put on City website-will continue with additional public input-and Steering Committee in May—physical analysis of JSP and Shoreline Drive—engineering work—initial concept input from Steering Committee and public sometime in May. (BS) Open House went well-some stations you could vote on what you wanted. (MZ)-Agreed---Steering Committee did not have much time for input—public started to come in before steering meeting was over. (DM)-In-laws went to meeting-(TS)-More emphasis on “parklet” design at Chesapeake during public input sessions. (EW) In early May there will be concepts to look at. (AB)-We can make sure Consultants discuss parklet during stakeholder meetings. (TS) Listened to a young couple with children share concerns of losing public parking at the pier north end. Many of the presentation pictures were not meant to be placed on the

pier skate park example. (EW) Idea was skate park may not go on pier but may go elsewhere such as Battery Park or Sandusky Bay Pavilion. Mid-summer for solid concepts for the pier. (MH)-Parklet-are we looking at a redesign? (AB)-Consultant looking at the old design as well as new ideas-question on ownership history and what is feasible. (MZ)-Open House primarily focused on JSP because of people passion-Shoreline Drive will be more complicated, challenging, more expensive and difficult with consensus-let JSP issue simmer down-focus on Shoreline Drive—Parklet is functioning as green space right now. (AB) When consultants come back with preliminary concepts it will be clear there are two projects to focus on, Shoreline Drive and Jackson Street Pier.

B.) East Bay Vision Plan—Trust for Public Lands has entered into contracts with 3 different firms for 3 different market analysis’-and a design firm-extension for the plan until June 30th-Steering Committee one more time –a public meeting-no conceptual at this time-(TS) Questions were and when the decision was made concerning TPL conducting housing, residential and hotel/convention market analysis’ on the Battery Park and Sandusky Bay Pavilion-cannot find information on City web site-commissioners were not aware-(EW) The decision to do market studies was made between the 1st and 2nd Steering Committee meeting during one on ones—goes back to the Marina District to see if private development will work this time—Ohio DNR grant is a balance of public improvement and demand for private development-references the Comprehensive Plan and use private development on BP site to pay for public improvements—reduced private development-what comes back from market study may say private development would work at a different site-data will be useful beyond the Battery Park area-(TS) When TPL does their park planning for cities, they provide-the planning and the engineering as well as funding sources-private development not included as a funding source-(EW) Private development will not be in the park-will be on the edge and adjacent to the park.(TS) Explanation Battery Park boundaries are from Washington Street Extension-along Meigs Street and south beyond the Sailing Club-interrupted by the Chairman and a terse exchange concerning difference of opinions ensued-calmer heads prevailed. (SP) Questions if private development was publically voted on for Battery Park site. (EW) 53 percent of public voted for private development. (MZ) Private development along Meigs Street is not necessarily waterfront development-potentially will activate the waterfront.

C.) Neighborhood Initiatives—(A. Byington) Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative—Rough draft for City to look through—lot of data—working way through-very soon back with final document—one last public comment period—analysis every year-home owner vs rental-progress reports every year-May or June timeframe-modest presentation to City Commission.

D.) Justice Center—Three site options-Merry-Go-Round/PNC Bank, American Crayon, area next to Juvenile Center-analysis being done and cost analysis for rehab of MGM and PNC Bank and new construction analysis at Juvenile Center property and Amer. Crayon. (EW) MGM looking for a more energy efficient location-may be too many hurdles-may end up being the land around the MGM and not the MGM-7 acres-others have shown ownership interests (SP) Cost of acquiring different locations mentioned? (EW) \$150,000 for American Crayon plus remediation-large site with interest from others wanting to potentially own-

County site on Tiffin Avenue would need to be negotiated with county-police chief is not to keen on the Tiffin Avenue site-Juvenile Court may be moving to Tiffin Ave. site- (DM) Remediation of American Crayon site. (EW) We should know in 90 days-commercial vs residential-studies have been done but additional studies will be happening. (MH) Other sites? McDonough and Lawrence Streets and Water and Market Street (Stowe Woodward)? (EW) Yes-they have reached out to us but other properties would have to purchased-some environmental concerns in this area. (BS) Warren and Market Street kiddie corner from Sandusky Cabinets area-South West corner across from Buckeye Cable? (EW) Court in that location is not in our sights. Like being closer to County Buildings and legal offices.

E.) Sandusky Bay Initiative information- (AB) passed out a map for next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Lion's Park Shoreline (TS)-Armor stone and buoys for Lion's Park shoreline (AB) update at May Meeting.

New Business

(DM) Planning process for Pipe Creek Wildlife Area and cell area-to Kiwanis Park location-70 people attended April 1st clean-up of PCWA-future improvements coming-canoe launch-Sandusky Rowing Club is involved with the PCWA-(AB) CDBG will fund a floating dock at PCWA. (EW) PCWA is high priority on City list-will be part of the SBPW Plan update—part of a bigger plan from Lion's Park to the Landing at Sports Force-improving access-stay natural-shocked to read where there are thoughts the city is trying to limit public access (MZ) we are saying we don't want to change it much-natural habitat-important to protect it-(CM) Disseminating information from this group on public access issues and maintaining it is important-(BS) commends City on the Governor's visit. (TS) with Governor visit, every sidewalk street lite was burning bright-no burnt out bulbs-many forms of public waterfront access-fishing is one-Paper District Marina 'no fishing signs'-assumed the City gave approval for signs-anything you can do as City Manager to compromise the issue-(EW) for years there has been issue per staff-talked to other marinas-since it's not safe to fish inside marinas-public-public safety-professional recommendation from staff is not safe-instinct is to support staff-has not talked to commissioners yet-(SP) perhaps restrict fishing inside marina certain times of year-(CM) SYC policy of no fishing between December and March-(MZ) tiny minority impacts the rest of the population. (JL) if in a boat, marina cannot stop you from fishing inside marina-I caught a fishing line once-(TS) I have a boat-one time in 50 years I caught a fishing line out in the middle of the lake-it's not a common occurrence-PDM fishermen are not fishing from the individual docks-fishing 5 feet from the shoreline rocks-handicapped gentleman. (MZ) don't understand why people think they can fish everywhere there is water. (TS) for 6 years there has been fishing at PDM-no police reports filed. (CM) apologizes to group for earlier outburst.

Adjournment With no further action, the Committee adjourned at 8:41am upon motion from (KZ) second (MZ).

Tim Schwanger, Secretary

Mission Statement: *The Bayfront Corridor Committee, a cross-section of community stakeholders serving at the pleasure of City Commission, reviews proposed waterfront development projects relative to adopted city plans and their benefit to the community and makes recommendations to the administration and City Commission with the purpose of maximizing the advantages of Sandusky's strategic location on Lake Erie.*