

Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee
Unapproved Minutes of April 28, 2015 6:00 PM Memorial Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT

Members Present: Angelo Faenza, Jim Lampos, Mary Jo Nosal, John MacDonald, Bonnie Reemsnyder (joined at 6:15 PM), Frank Pappalardo (joined at 6:15 PM), Jean Davies-LCRVCOG. Guests: Keith Rosenfeld-Town of Old Lyme Land Use Coordinator, David Head of VHB; Kurt Prochorena of BSC Group, Janice Ehlemeyer-LCRVCOG, Nina Peck and Brian Ross of Nina Peck Architects and Interiors. Residents including: Sandra Ziemba, Joann Lishing, Frank Lishing, Frank Marratta, Stephanie Livesly and Lenny Corto, Jr.

Welcome

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM. There was no committee correspondence.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of 4/7/15 made by John and seconded by Angelo. There was no discussion. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Parking-Safety Study Wrap-Up

Mary Jo reviewed DOT's feedback to VHB regarding the proposed parking study. The DOT is not interested in sharing in the cost of this study because it will not provide any new information. Therefore, the committee voted to proceed without a parking study. There was no further committee discussion.

BSC Group-Preliminary Design Plans

- Cost estimates expected in a week
- Kurt reviewed the bi-weekly report #19 and the schedule.
- Land Use Commissions will be invited to the Preliminary Design Meeting of 6/9/15. Applicable Commissions will be visited in the third quarter for preliminary discussions. Keith indicated a need for a special permit for a municipal site plan, and encouraged a three month permitting allowance if possible for permitting.
- BSC will meet with CT Water and discuss the small line that runs through the parking lot.
- In response to a question regarding the accident reports, Kurt indicated that few accident data was recorded.
- The Preliminary Design report will be completed and submitted to VHB for review with CTDOT following the Meeting.
- The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (LCRVCOG) recognizes the need for a cohesive look of signage for the multi-modal projects. Kurt will share the project renderings with the COG. He summarized the markings etc. for 156 and Hartford Ave, including the sharros; signage; 50 ft. right-of-way on Hartford Av; 6 ft. sidewalks on Hartford; parallel parking on one side of the road with 10 ft stalls, 14 ft. biking lanes on both sides of Hartford Av.; and consideration to reduce the speed on Hartford Av.
- Jean noted that the COG is required to complete and amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under the MAP-21 funding for our multi-modal project. The TIP has been amended to show the project completing in FFY 2016.

Public Informational Meeting

- There was consensus for Jim's recommendation to send the Preliminary Design Meeting postcard announcement to Shore Road residents and businesses from the Baldwin Bridge to Swan Avenue and include #1-#16 Neck Road.
- Bonnie confirmed the availability of the Middle School for the committee's preferred date of 7/9/15 at 7:00 PM.
- The meeting was delayed to allow more summer residents to attend. The newspaper will run twice in The Day.

The current draft of the newspaper ad and postcard will be emailed to the committee for comments.

- Local land use Commissions are among the officials that will receive a copy of the informational mailing. It will also be put on the town website. Committee members are urged to inform their contacts about the meeting.
- Printing and advertising costs can be paid for by the town and reimbursed at the 80/20 split.

VHB update: nothing additional

Public Comment

- Frank Maratta - concerned about the loss of parking but in support of the project. Parking loss will make a bad situation worse and reduce public access to the beach.
- Lenny Corto Jr.- thought the main reason we got a grant was for restrooms and what is the plan to use them if sewers are years away.

Restroom Program

- This part of the meeting was reserved to discuss the restroom program for preliminary design and cost estimating. Nina responded to questions the committee had provided her about the restroom facility.
- Nina reported that the cost drivers for the restroom facility are 1) The restroom location in an AE zone at 3.4 elevation. Therefore, the building would need to be raised to an unacceptable 13 ft. or be waterproofed as planned, and 2) The geotech findings recommend piles for the foundation. The architect's engineer recommends 27 piles drilled to 20ft. deep.
- Construction bids for both Prefab and Built-on-site will be considered to get the best cost estimates. However, Nina said that the roof and foundation will be additional costs for pre-fab buildings.
- There was significant discussion on whether the restrooms require wet proofing to allow for inundation or dry proofing. Following a review of the FEMA Regulations for an uninhabited building in an AE zone and the town Zoning Code the Architects agreed that the restroom building will require dry proofing.
- The current, general preliminary design plan was reviewed.
 - Cost savings include: reducing the foot print by eliminating a ranger office and utilizing a simple rectangular hip roof.
 - The restroom will be built with split face cement block and coated to make cleaning easier; the handicap accessible bathroom will remain and the architects will assess whether a toilet partition is needed; a roll down flood door is recommended and will add protection when the building is locked; Mirrors will not be of glass; china toilets and stainless sinks will be planned. Reduction in the planned number of toilets is deemed to not be in the best interest of the project; Natural light and ventilation will be utilized.
- The estimated construction costs will be forthcoming from the architects.
- Additional restroom discussion: Solar use could be possible in the future with grants and the storage area will not be a Ranger office.

Next Meeting at Memorial Town Hall 5/19/15 at 4:30 PM - prepare for the Preliminary Design Meeting.

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Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 9:00 PM by Bonnie, seconded by Frank. Motion carried without discussion 6-0-0
(note-Jean Davies had left before we voted to adjourn.)

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal, Acting Clerk 04-30-15