

Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee
Unapproved Minutes of May 19, 2015 4:30 PM Memorial Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT

Members Present: Angelo Faenza, Jim Lampos, Mary Jo Nosal, Bonnie Reemsnyder, Frank Pappalardo (joined at 4:50 PM), Skip Sibley. Guests: Keith Rosenfeld-Town of Old Lyme Land Use Coordinator, David Head of VHB; Kurt Prochorena of BSC Group

Welcome

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM. Correspondence from RiverCOG attached.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of 4/28/15 made by Angelo and seconded by Bonnie. There was no discussion. Motion carried 4 (Angelo, Jim, Mary Jo, Bonnie)-0-1 abstention (Skip).

Preliminary Design Discussion

- David discussed the suggestion made by the DOT to postpone the Preliminary Information meeting rather than have two meetings until there is an understanding with The Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP) regarding coastal compliance concerns. A meeting is scheduled with OLISP for 5/20/15 at the DEEP in Hartford at 10 AM. Attendees include Frank, Angelo, Keith, David, Bonnie and Mary Jo.
- The committee discussed the need to provide OLISP with: an understanding of the project; provide applicable maps and parking availability; convey the benefits the plan will have to the community, residents, visitors via bike-ped-bus and business; and that public safety is key to the plan. The committee wants to understand OLSIPs jurisdiction and whether we would be able to proceed with a June meeting.

Restroom Program

- The architects emailed revised renderings of the restroom. The drawings reflect the changes discussed at the last meeting namely: a hip roof; a storage room, not an office. This area is smaller as it now aligns with the building. The storage room is accessed through the family room thus alleviating a door; a roll-up gate for flood and security protection. The building is about 16 ft. high.
- The committee agreed to share the drawings with the Fire Marshal and Building Official for an informal review.
- Kurt will clarify a few budget items with the architect and forward it to the committee for review.

Sound View Green Park and Hartford Ave budget estimates:

- David indicated that the estimates (approx. \$1.05M in total) were not inclusive of a required State 25% fee for incidentals (includes inspections) which is covered under the grant. This was new information to the committee and engineer. David will share the guideline with Kurt.
- David pointed out that the cost of the Green and Street are similar and therefore the DOT may question whether the Green is incidental. This was challenged as the Green was always part of the grant and project plan.
- The committee will review the estimates at the next meeting for modifications and savings e.g., work that could be done by the Town and perhaps phasing the project. Frank suggested that work done by the Town does not fall under Davis Bacon labor costs and encouraged that any phasing include the green being laid out initially.
- There was consensus that David will share the estimates with the DOT on 5/20/15 and verify what the DOT will cover given the available estimates. The committee will then determine next steps.

Schedule, Preliminary Design Meeting

Motion: To delay the Preliminary Design Informational Meeting until Tuesday June 30, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Moved by Skip and seconded by Angelo.

Discussion: Bonnie asked about the implications of delaying the as yet unadvertised meeting of 6/9/15. Kurt indicated the time line is tight. Upon review of the bi-weekly update dated 5-11-15, to stay on target, the construction bidding plan date of 4th 2015-1st Q 2016 needs to be held to. He indicated the timeline between Final Design and Construction Documents could be shaved by a month if needed. Motion to delay until 6/30/15 passed: 6-0-0.

The availability of the Middle School will be verified.

Misc.

- Mary Jo requested that the committee plan a project update to the community as we have not had any outreach since last October. There was interest in getting feedback from OLSIP and some budget development first.
- Bonnie noted that if a phase approach is necessary due to funding, she favored the street scape as it is an entrance to Sound View. Frank concurred but advised again that the greenspace be part of phase 1 to assure development. Jim counseled the committee to think seriously about the phasing of the project to assure we get as much from the grant as we can and progress.
- Bonnie recommended that if the committee phases in the project to consider beautification of Pond Rd and the entrance to the beach.
- David suggested the committee consider whether the town will consider the approximately \$500,000 share.
- Kurt asked David to discuss the Route 156 discussions with DOT regarding Route 156. David said that the state road is in good shape and as such is not on the DOTs list for immediate attention. The result is that the inexpensive striping, including the interchange at the bridge would not get done until the road is due for improvement by the State. The State would then have the analysis done by BSC as a guide.
- There was consensus to produce the mailing labels for the approximately 400 preliminary design informational meeting postcards in Town Hall.

Public Comment: none

Next Meeting(s):

6/1/15 4:30 PM at Memorial Town Hall – review project estimates

6/30/15 7:00 PM Preliminary Design Meeting

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 6:30 PM by Skip, seconded by Frank. Motion carried without discussion 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal, Acting Clerk 05-21-15