



Capital Improvement Projects Task Force
Wednesday, December 10, 2008—9:00 a.m.
City Hall, 4th Floor Conference Room
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Present: Craig Beck, Cory Kristoff, Brian Ulaszewski
Absent: Richard Lewis, John Morris
Staff: Kraig Kojian, Erin Murphy

Background

Kraig Kojian initiated the meeting by discussing the partnership between the DLBA and the RDA and asked Craig Beck if additional City staff should participate in the Task Force. Beck recommended involving City staff on a project basis when necessary.

Capital Improvement Projects Currently Underway

Beck acquainted the Task Force with the following projects currently underway:

- **Pine Avenue**

Short term: RDA is installing all-metal panels on top of the existing planters between 1st Street and Broadway or 3rd Street. Designed by Jesse James, the steel panels feature artistic representations of Long Beach icons and are meant to provide a decorative element to the street while preventing individuals from sitting on the planters. Installation is scheduled before the end of 2008. Brian Ulaszewski mentioned that the panels could be auctioned as art pieces when they are eventually removed for future redevelopment of the streetscape.

Long term: Beck is presenting to the RDA Board on December 15th a proposal to create a Pine Avenue master design plan. If approved, the timeline calls for submission of RFPs by late January 2009, at which time DLBA will be asked to fund a portion of the expense of implementing plan elements. Long-term goals include removing the planters to create additional sidewalk space and skinning and up-lighting the palm trees. For comparison purposes, Beck noted that the cost of the Promenade plan currently under construction was approximately \$200,000-\$300,000. Ulaszewski recommended including in the RFP a request to relate Pine Avenue design elements to the design of the Promenade.

- The Task Force discussed organizing a **design competition** open to all areas of the Downtown. Beck and Ulaszewski will follow up on this item.



- **Ocean Boulevard**

Trees and Lighting: RDA is skinning palm trees on the median and sidewalks. A bid to provide up-lighting was received. The City is surveying the median to determine the types of trees and which areas have electricity before proceeding with a lighting plan. Beck anticipating having additional information in the first quarter of 2009.

Public Art: In partnership with the Arts Council, the RDA received proposals for public art and is moving forward with placing eight pieces. The first installation is a three-part piece planned for Ocean Boulevard in three locations: East Village, Pine, and West Gateway. The total cost of the first installation is estimated at \$225,000. Beck requested that DLBA fund \$75,000, the estimated cost of one of the three pieces. The Task Force decided to reconvene in the following week to review additional information about the installation and determine whether to request the funding from the Executive Committee at its meeting, scheduled January 8, 2009.

Next Meeting: December 18, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. at the DLBA.