



**Downtown Long Beach Associates
Minutes of the Capital Improvement Projects Task Force**

Thursday, June 18, 2009—1:30 p.m.

**Downtown Long Beach Associates
Executive Conference Room
100 West Broadway, Suite 120
Long Beach, CA 90802**

PRESENT

Members: Cory Kristoff, Richard Lewis, John Morris, Brian Ulaszewski

Guest: Carl Morgan (RDA)

Staff: Kraig Kojian, Kris Larson, Erin Murphy

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Cory Kristoff called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Kristoff made a motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2009. Brian Ulaszewski seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

III. UPDATE ON FUNDED PROJECTS

Kraig Kojian presented a Powerpoint of funded projects. Carl Morgan stated that the artists commissioned with creating the Sea Grass sculpture for Ocean Boulevard was reporting back to the City with the internal structure. Kojian asked if there was a timeline in place for the project and Morgan stated that there was a 30-day timeline. Cory Kristoff explained that Craig Beck was concerned that the art would not show well during the day because the structure was going to be made of unpainted aluminum; Kristoff understood that Beck would meet with the artist to express that concern. Morgan stated that he was unsure if that meeting had occurred yet, and Kristoff asked if he could get clarification on that.

Morgan stated that the RDA will be spending \$300,000 to improve the Pine Avenue Streetscape from Shoreline to 8th Street and 1st Street from Pacific to Elm. MIG has been hired to prepare design plans. A Steering committee will be put in place to kick off July 1, 2009, and every 3rd Friday in the 3rd Floor conference room at City Hall at 4:00pm to discuss how to tie all areas together. Kojian asked if any outreach had been

done to stakeholders in regards to the steering committee and Morgan said that Pear had done outreach to stakeholders and to council members. Kojian asked if the Pine Avenue streetscape project needed to be a part of the CIP Task Force and all agreed that the steering committee should handle it.

Kojian spoke about the second phase of the LED lighting project, and the scheduled allocation for buildings that may include Ocean Center, Breakers, Landmark Square, and Cooper Arms. Kojian reported that he met with Bill Simmons from City Light and Power and received a quote. Kristoff asked if the quote was comparable to the phase one work and Kojian stated that it was hard to tell the difference because phase one was managed much differently, through many organizations. Kristoff asked for clarification that the building owners paid for the electricity for the installed lighting and Kojian stated that the phase one building owners are responsible for the electricity costs; however, that could be different for phase two. Richard Lewis asked if the Lafayette Building had been approached about being included in phase two, and Kojian stated that the focus was being placed on the four areas identified during the last CIP meeting. Kristoff stated that it may be advantageous to try to establish a 50% funds approach, matching with the building owners. John Morris stated that he liked the idea of a partnership. Kojian stated that he would like to do a phase two lighting demonstration at the Breakers. Kristoff suggested expanding LED phase two lighting to the waterfront esplanade and seeking additional financial partners to fund the project. The Task Force discussed getting additional bids.

Kojian gave an update on the wayfinding signage in the parking garages, stating that the Council approved automated parking at all three CityPlace shopping center garages, and added that he would like to start the new wayfinding at CityPlace and that the automated machines should be in place by October of 2009. Kojian stated that he would like to eliminate the validation system and have the first two hours of parking free.

Morris made a motion to approve the \$20,000 allowance for additional parking garage and wayfinding signage and Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor; none opposed.

Kojian stated that Bill Simmons had given a quote to change the metal halide lamps on the Promenade near the Convention and Entertainment Center to LED. Lewis asked for clarification as to how the Promenade would visually connect to Victory Park, and Morgan stated that the crosswalk would be better defined and the lighting will be carried on the raised platform. Ulaszewski stated that he would not want to commit to spending more than \$500 per bulb to change the lighting.

Lewis made a motion to table the lighting upgrade and all were in favor; none opposed.

Larson gave a brief update of the bollards project for the East Village, stating that retractable bollards would be financially and construction challenged. The City's Public Works Department bid out different models, and the models to be used will

have caps in the ground. They are 36” metal posts that screw into the ground and will be in place by August.

The Task Force decided to table the discussion of the tree planting project.

The Task Force discussed alternatives to the design charrette, with Larson stating that he and Ulaszewski felt that it may be confusing for the layperson and were not convinced that this was the best way to include public influence in design. Morgan stated that he had received a call from Long Beach Transit regarding coordinating the Pine Avenue Streetscape plans with plans for transit improvements. Morgan stressed the importance of coordinating these plans. The Task Force discussed the challenges facing 1st Street and connectivity. Lewis stated that he had a discussion with Broc Coward of the 2nd City Council District regarding widening the sidewalks on 1st Street. Morgan stated that he would like to see City Hall East activated and the former Primes replaced. Lewis stated that a rendering of Primes without the brick façade may be more marketable.

IV. ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Quorum was lost, and all new project discussion was tabled.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59pm.