



**Downtown Long Beach Associates
Minutes of the Capital Improvement Projects Task Force
Thursday, May 13, 2010—1:30 p.m.**

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

PRESENT

Task Force Members: Pedro Costa, Cory Kristoff, David White

Guests: Jim Danno, Willmore City Heritage Association; Mike Dunfee, Ocean Residential Community Association; Carl Morgan, RDA; Emily Tanaka, Willmore City Heritage Association.

Staff: Kraig Kojian, Kris Larson, Erin Murphy

ABSENT

Task Force Members: Richard Lewis, Brian Ulaszewski

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cory Kristoff called the meeting to order, and self-introductions were made. The new residential representatives, Pedro Costa (voting) and Mike Dunfee (alternate), were welcomed, and Kristoff provided a brief description of the Task Force.

II. REPORT ON MID-YEAR BUDGET

Kraig Kojian reported that the DLBA Executive Committee had approved to un-allocate \$75,000 from Ocean Boulevard art (*Sea Grass*) in light of a projected revenue shortfall (primarily from parking meters) estimated at \$145,000 for the fiscal year. Kojian added that the RDA did not object to withdrawing funding for the art project in its entirety, especially as the initial presentation at which DLBA committed funds indicated that the project would include three installation sites rather than the project's final installation ultimately at only one site.

III. PRESENTATION

Carl Morgan presented information on the Pine Avenue Street and Landscape Plan, thanking DLBA for contributing \$50,000 toward the consultant fees. After outlining the goals and outreach, Morgan shared the proposed recommendations for the plant palette, railing, lighting, bike racks, bollards, and trash receptacles, with bus traffic routes still undecided. Morgan mentioned that DLBA's assistance with organizing and promoting upcoming focus groups in June to share the proposed plan and prioritize the projects would be appreciated. Morgan noted that construction drawings would take approximately four to six months, with construction estimated to begin in early 2011. Jim Danno inquired about making Pine Avenue pedestrian only, and Morgan responded that that option had not been supported at community meetings, especially given that pedestrian-only Promenade is only one block east of Pine Avenue and in consideration of the logistics of access for business deliveries. Morgan assured Kristoff that the proposed trees would not be disruptive to the sidewalk.

Morgan added that Promenade Square was expected to open in June, with new Bikestation construction slated to begin in 60 days and be complete at the end of 2010. A presentation on the Promenade project was scheduled for the June CIP Task Force meeting.

IV. UPDATE ON FUNDED PROJECTS

Storefront Activation: Kojian reported that cling wrap would be installed at the Newberry building in three weeks, pending graphics from the RDA, and that DLBA was working with CityPlace Shopping Center on additional graphics for vacant Pine Avenue storefronts. Pedro Costa inquired about projected costs, and Kojian responded that the Newberry building was estimated at \$6,500 and quotes were being generated for the CityPlace Shopping Center properties.

Garage Improvements: Kojian reported that MTA funding was still pending, in partnership with the RDA.

Lighting: Kojian stated that he was still identifying additional properties for LED lighting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Kojian noted that as a follow up to the March 24 CIP roundtable, DLBA, CVB, and Public Works had taken a tour of the Downtown to identify dilapidated newsracks that could be replaced with bike racks as well as talked to property owners about the locations of kiosks for bike share programs.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Danno presented a project to beautify 7th Street and Maine Avenue near the 710 Freeway onramp, often the last impression visitors have of the Downtown area. Danno noted that Public Works had placed orange barricades on the north side of the intersection to block street access to increase traffic safety 12 years ago and presented pictures of the weeds and asphalt in the surrounding area that the Willmore Community Heritage Association desired to improve. The project in its entirety consisted of three phases, beginning with replacing the barricades with more attractive planters to be maintained by neighborhood volunteers, followed by installation of lighting and landscaping in Phases II and III. Danno mentioned that WCHA expected to apply for funding for future phases from the Neighborhood Partners Program, Navy Trust, and Union Pacific. The Task Force expressed support for the project, and **Kojian stated that DLBA staff could authorize an expenditure of approximately \$3,300 necessary to complete Phase I**, and suggested that RDA might consider splitting the cost with DLBA, on which White agreed to follow up after noting that RDA was already funding historical district markers. Costa inquired whether light standards were available from the City now, and White affirmed that they were. **The Task Force requested that WCHA return with a more detailed spreadsheet showing the estimates of real costs for Phases II and III for the Task Force's consideration in June.**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.