St. Anthony Parkway Bridge – Community Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES #7

March 12, 2014
River Village East, Activity Room
2919 Randolph Street NE
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Attendees:
Patrick Kvidra, CAC-Marshall Terrace
Demetairs Bell, Metro Transit
Adelheid Koski, CAC-Holland
Witt Siasoco, Holland Resident
Kevin Reich, Councilmember
Bob Close, Consultant-Bob Close Studio
Ben Erickson, Consultant-BE Land Design
Carol Zellie, Consultant-Landscape Research
Amy Lucas, Consultant-Landscape Research
Jack Yuzna, City of Minneapolis
Ole Mersinger, City of Minneapolis
Tom Johnson, Consultant/Moderator
Mark Maves, Consultant-SEH
Kristin Petersen, Consultant-SEH
Steve Olson, Consultant-ONE

I. Introductions

II. Construction & Staging

- Mark Maves presented a bridge demolition / erection scheme showing the sequence of events that will take place in the removal of the existing trusses intact and the construction of the new truss and approach spans.
- Adelheid Koski asked if the demolition and construction will be documented with time-lapse photography. Kevin Reich noted that the interest will be immense and Patrick Kvidera suggested the possibility of a live web cam. There was seemingly universal support to document the demolition, staging, and construction of the project.

III. Bridge Sale Advertisement

- Adelheid asked when the bridge would be advertised. Kristin noted that a legal notice first ran on February 28th in Finance & Commerce and it will be advertised in a variety of ways for the next two months including, the Minnesota State Register, League of MN Cities, Assoc of MN

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Counties, and MN County Engineers Association. The ad directs all interested parties to contact Ole Mersinger for the RFP and Special Terms & Conditions.

IV. Detours

- Mark handed out updated detour plans and walked through detours for peds/bikes, vehicles, and bus route 11.
- Pat Kvidera asked for confirmation that there will be a temporary traffic signal installed at 27th Ave and University, which there will be. He also requested that truck restriction signs be posted along 27th.
- Adelheid noted that speeding traffic is a concern along southbound University and asked if the speed limit change at 27th could be shifted north to slow traffic sooner. Mark responded that MnDOT has jurisdiction over that portion of the road and that the speed limit would likely not change, however the temporary signal at 27th will have an indirect impact on slowing southbound traffic down.

V. Interpretive Plaza Discussion

i. Bob Close presented new plaza visualizations that compared two alternatives: a truss remnant “split” by an arcade of lights, and a “whole” truss segment passing through and over the lights. The visualizations gave several new views and perspectives of the two options and revealed some subtle and some striking advantages and disadvantages of the two designs. The whole truss extended out beyond the southern edge of the plaza and was deemed to be too obstructive of the views to the south while the split truss provided options for viewing. The split truss was also deemed to offer a more sculptural and responsive reaction to the arcade of lights on old California. Everyone present agreed to proceed into final design with the split truss. Kevin Reich noted that design is plentiful enough to see and imagine the larger picture while also offering a rich and interesting design.

ii. Bob noted that the plantings had been revised slightly to address maintenance issues in the boulevard and comments requesting more flowering species. Kevin requested that Bob and Ben make a strong recommendation for the tree species they specify for the site.

iii. Adelheid asked if the lighting on the plaza will compete with the Lowry Bridge. Patrick noted that the view to Lowry is blocked from here and would not be a concern.

iv. The scoring in the concrete should be deep and wide enough to deter skate board enthusiast and preserve site furnishings without tacky add-on skate deterrents.

VI. Interpretive Report/Content

i. Carole Zellie presented a rich array of the draft report content including stories of the Ingelhut family, brick factories, grain elevators, railroad history, Columbia Park and Sandy Lake, and much more. Additional information from the HAER report will be incorporated into their work as well.

ii. The final report will be reviewed by the City, MnDOT CRU, SHPO, the CAC, and then the public.

iii. Further discussion on interpretive panel content and display will be needed.

VII. Next CAC Meeting is on April 16th-May 6th, 2014 from 2:30-4:00pm in the River Village Activity Room

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