



Steering Committee October 5, 2006 Meeting Notes

Committee Members Present: Mayor Mick Cornett, Bill Cameron, David Castillo, Ray Doonkeen, Liz Eickman, Trevor Francis, Luisa Gomez, Fred Hall, Jann Hook, Kirk Humphreys, Councilperson Willa Johnson, Michael Laird, Dave Lopez, Larry Nichols, Terry Ott, Ford Price, John A. Reed, Councilperson Patrick Ryan, Councilperson Ann Simank, Dan Straughan, Terry N. Taylor, Jennifer Vogler, Chuck Wiggin, John Yoeckel

Others Present: David Seller, Kelley Chambers, Stefanie Brickman, David Morgan, Zach Taylor, Robert Rodriguez, Cathy O'Connor, Jim Thompson, Wes Gray, Laura Story, Dennis Clowers, Brett Hamm, Bob Simmons, Kim Cooper-Hart, Blair Humphreys, Russell Claus, Robbie Kienzle, AJ Kirkpatrick, Blair Humphreys, Rick Cain, Linda Simpson, Roy Williams, Teresa Genzer, Sara Jane MacLennan, Hanz Butzer, Dan Kreuger, Harry Gottwalls, Adrienne Nobles, Jeremy Gardner, David Holt, Steve Lackmeyer, Terry W. Taylor

The Core to Shore Steering Committee got to work October 5, beginning the process of planning and developing the area south of downtown and north of the Oklahoma River where Interstate 40 currently runs.

The URS Consulting Team, led by Sara Jane MacLennan, began the planning process by introducing the key ingredients for great cities, with committee members weighing in on how Oklahoma City stacks up against those standards. Led by Mayor Mick Cornett, Dave Lopez, the Oklahoma City Planning Department and the URS Consulting Team, the committee shared their hopes and fears for the development of the area once I-40 is moved further south of downtown. Committee members asserted their desire for a plan that promotes quality development, embraces the area's diverse stakeholders and advances the growth and perception of Oklahoma City as an urban center where one can live, work and play.

GREATEST HOPE	GREATEST FEAR
Housing, education and culture come together	To exclude certain portion of community
Opportunity to continue momentum here	
An inclusive plan ethnically, economically, culturally	Stakeholders are not as intricately involved – include those who live there
Expand the view how arts, culture and good design can connect the community	Don't hear from all of the people who could help do that
What we do needs to be high quality (properly funded and planned), something to be proud of	Low quality, under funded
Improved image – lasting impression – a place with high quality of life	That we do not think big enough

Stand up to model of the "giants" who have gone before us – live up to that vision	We don't live up to that vision
More vibrant city, creative people, young people who want to live here, make good use of land... a mixed use	Deteriorating areas are challenges to overcome, address homeless issues, social services
Differentiate us from other cities	
Develop the soul we are looking for	Don't have courage or vision to deal with public policy that will affect
Polish this jewel without harming what we have	
Multi-cultural city	
Invest wisely	Won't be tough or bold enough for tough choices
Consolidated wisdom	No long range implementation
Redevelopment in surrounding areas close to downtown	Developing areas where people would not be able to afford to live
Getting out and talking people affected	That we don't do that and create animosity towards committee
Develop a plan for an attractive city where people want to live, work	Won't raise the bar enough
Create a nice residential and commercial community	Miss that opportunity
Create a place people want to come – where it flows	We over plan – keep humanity
Listening to others say how wonderful OKC is	Maintaining continuity
Create a distinct image that conveys our soul	
Confirm a community consensus that downtown is heart and soul of city	Compromising on goals and vision
An organic and authentic result to process	
The boulevard – look at streets as a place amongst themselves	Won't have will or creativity to fund the ideas that come out of this committee

Two common themes resonate from the list namely "the ideas we conceive together will be inclusive, inspiring and unique to Oklahoma City and those ideas will be implemented without compromise."

Committee members were also briefed on the status of the new boulevard that will run along the current I-40 path, serving as a gateway to the downtown area from the new interstate. The committee requested enhanced maps and illustrations of the boulevard and study area for the next meeting as the discussion advances.

The meeting wrapped up with a request from the URS Team that each member the Steering Committee take the opportunity to drive the study area before the next meeting.

The next Steering Committee meeting is set for November 8 at 2:00p at the Petroleum Club, Room 36B, in the Chase Tower and at any time questions or comments can be directed to coretoshore@okc.gov. An agenda, map to meeting site and parking instructions will be forwarded prior to the next meeting.