



Steering Committee December 13, 2006 Meeting Synopsis

Committee members present: Mayor Cornett, Dave Lopez, Pat Fennell, Bob Long, Michael Laird, Liz Eickman, Kirk Humphreys, Dan Straughan, Chuck Wiggin, Willa Johnson, Jim Roth, Terry Ott, Terry Taylor, Patrick Ryan, Ira Schlezinger, Luisa Gomez, Kathy Williams, Trevor Francis, Jann Hook, Ray Doonkeen, Gena Howard, Ford Price, John Yoeckel

Others present: Cathy O'Connor, Gary Marrs, John Dugan, Kristy Yager, Wendel Whisenhunt, Rick Cain, Dennis Clowers, Zach Taylor, Roy Williams, Joe Van Bullard, Larry Kilduff, Karl Hillerman, Laura Story, Terry Ash, Bob Simmons, Russell Pace, Janie Deupree, Mel Morgan, Holly Massie, Xavier Neira, Jennifer Lindsay McClintock, Michael Brooks-Jimenez, Dean Schirf, Linda Simpson, Heidi Rambo Centrella, Phil Hughes, Martha Shoemaker, Sara Jane Maclennan, Dan Krueger, Anthony McDermid, Hans Butzer, Marty Shukert, Mark Leese, Dan Guimond, Josh Birks, Bret Cabbiness, Jeremy Gardner, Russell Claus, Kim Cooper-Hart, AJ Kirkpatrick, Blair Humphreys

- Mayor Mick Cornett reconvened the Steering Committee on December 13, 2006 at 2pm at the Petroleum Club.
- Russell Claus, OKC Planning Project Manager, reviewed project goals and process.
- The URS Team (consultant) presented three new development ideas and diagrams that mixed residential and retail development with various civic projects between the downtown core and the river. The committee broke into four small groups for round table discussions facilitated by a URS Team member. Each group refined the schemes, discussed alternatives, and prepared to summarize their discussion for the full committee.
- The group summaries supported:
 - A park element
 - A transit center
 - Preserving Little Flower Church and Union Station as key elements of any plan
 - Sensitivity to existing populations and cultural diversity
 - Scale of buildings increasing in height as they approach the CBD
 - Incorporating a water feature on the north river shore
 - A major non-vehicular link between the Myriad Gardens and the Oklahoma River along Harvey
- Consensus for ideas to be 'shelved' included:
 - The 'linked small parks' scheme
 - The Stadium
- Dan Guimond (URS Team) presented office, residential and retail market trend analysis
- Dan Krueger (URS Team) presented environmental conclusions and issues related to utilities and transportation
- Sara Jane Maclennan (URS Team) concluded the meeting with next steps:
 1. A reminder to SC members to confer with their individual circle of influence about the project and development ideas
 2. To continue to consider the initial alternatives and bring back ideas to the next SC meeting
 3. The consultant team will continue to work with the Transportation Committee and ODOT to refine boulevard options
- The Mayor adjourned the meeting with a reminder that the boulevard design was on the critical path and to keep thinking of ways to develop Oklahoma City's front door.

Note that the next Steering Committee meeting will be held at a CHANGED VENUE on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, from 2:00 – 4:00p at the Beacon Club, 24th floor, Oklahoma Tower.

All presentation materials are posted on the City's Core to Shore website at www.okc.gov/planning/coretoshore. Comments and questions can be forwarded to coretoshore@okc.gov.