

**Summary of URAAC Steering Committee Meeting-Steamboat Unbridled  
6/11/09  
Meeting held in Crawford Room, Centennial Hall**

| <b>Committee Members in Attendance</b>  | <b>Ex-Officio</b> | <b>Staff, Consultants, and TAC Members</b>   | <b>Other Interested Parties</b>       |
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| <b>Steve Frasier<br/>Timm Harmon<br/>Chuck Porter<br/>David Baldinger<br/>Jane Blackstone<br/>Peter Patten<br/>Jim Schneider (Alt.)</b> | <b>Rich Levy</b>  | <b>Joe Kracum<br/>Nicole Horst<br/>Bob Keenan<br/>Janet Hruby<br/>Wendy DuBord<br/>Seth Lorson</b> | <b>Bill Jameson<br/>Bruce Shugart</b> |

Co-Chairman Baldinger, Jr. called the special meeting to order at approximately 1:00pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. Administrative Items**

- *Review URAAC meeting notes from May 28, 2009*
- *Next SSRA Meeting & Open House – June 16, 2009*
- *Next URAAC Meeting – June 25, 2009 (Crawford Room)*

**Changes:**

On page 4 in the Motion, intent was to include snowmelt infrastructure in the 2009 Burgess Creek Plaza.  
Chuck Porter was not in attendance.

**MOTION:**

Frasier moved to approve the minutes from May 28, 2009 as amended. Blackstone seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

Motion was approved unanimously.

Baldinger –

The next SSRA meeting and Open House will be Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and the next URAAC meeting will be Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**NON CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. 3 Month Look Ahead Schedule - URAAC / SSRA**

- *A schedule of the key URAAC Discussions / Recommendations and SSRA Decisions for the next 3 months will be presented. URAAC input is requested.)*

Kracum –

Emailed everyone a schedule of URAAC discussions and recommendations for the next 3 months. He linked everything together and wanted to go over design/construction phase

first. We are now in design development and want to get an approval to move forward. Easements will be out by the next meeting. If we get approval to move forward today, we will have the design done by the next meeting. The intent is that the money will be available on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. He went over the balance of the schedule and what can be expected.

### **3. Burgess Creek Diversion Structure & Plaza**

- *The design development will be presented on the BC Diversion Structure & Plaza. A URAAC recommendation to move the design to the next level will be requested.*

Kracum –

From what he has seen, we are going to get a beautiful plaza. The downside of this is that URAAC keeps adding things and so the cost is going up. Based on your recommendations so far, we will do Après Ski Way roundabout, the plaza, the storm sewer and inlay on Burgess Creek culvert down at One Steamboat Place. He will price everything out and if we can't get everything with the budget we have, his recommendation would be to not do the storm sewer this year. We have added some things such as a fire feature, a terrace, a lot of rock, and a new waterfall and these things keep adding up in dollars.

Horst –

Showed how they are trying to get the creek up closer to where it is daylighting. They are able to put in an 18" pipe diversion that will feed Burgess Creek and putting in more pipes to put in a pool and waterfall. She showed on slides what the intention is with the fire feature, water features, etc. The creek won't happen until 2011 so in the meantime it will stop at the edge of the fire feature which is the snow edge. She gave an explanation using powerpoint of the design and what will be included. She explained that Torian will be paying for the outdoor dining area and the pavers in that area will match the pavers at Torian.

Discussion took place regarding the features and the wayfinding.

Horst –

Showed where the trash enclosure will be located and what it will look like.

Patten –

Wants to be sure they pay particular attention to this area because of conflicts. He is concerned with the gate and he feels it has to go. It is opposed to what we are trying to do. He feels this is really a great plan.

Horst -

There is a snowmaking line that is on Torian's private water line. They will be using that water meter to irrigate some of the landscaping. Because it has a separate meter that isn't being used, it could be used toward the O&M agreement.

The Thunderhead is proposing an outdoor fire place similar to an outdoor living room.

Blackstone –

Feels this fire feature would be complimentary.

Frasier –

Asked about the scope and cost for the extras mentioned earlier?

Kracum –

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The pieces right now are the extra water diversion structure for the waterfall, the terrace, and the rock that goes with the terrace. Once he gets pricing, he will price things individually so we can see what we have to take out and how we will balance these.

Horst –

Received an email and will forward it to all committee members. In looking at some of the wayfinding features, one of the important ones are the daylighting of the creek and the idea of bringing the creek inside of the plaza and telling that story. One idea was the big rock feature to be the central feature. Another is the idea of solar energy and how to use it to light the entire Promenade and making it something that would be seen from both directions. There is the idea of the slalom gates and flags. The simplest to do would be the wayfinding signage and just showing people where they are. They have gone in the direction of the boulders.

Discussion took place regarding patterns for the concrete area. This could be a place to put a mobile or an art piece.

Horst –

The trash enclosure has stayed in the same location but has been shifted because of the way it is viewed. They will add screening for the Sheraton.

Kracum –

In the other design, it had the compactors on the plaza with a nice fence around it. We looked at relocating it but because of the views from the Sheraton tower, it became evident that we would need a lid on it. Because of that, it adds cost to the structure because they will need an architect.

Frasier –

The other side of that was that we discussed it wouldn't be necessary to replace the transformer in that area.

Kracum –

We have been talking with YVEA and it looks like we can use the box right there.

Discussion took place regarding the enclosure and the gate for the trash compactors.

Frasier –

Wasn't part of the resculpting of the Promenade designed, at least in part, to alleviate the necessity for the gate if the public had a visual line of sight for the Promenade that would lead up and over the building? He thought at that point that the gate would be unnecessary.

Harmon -

The gate was staying because of the traffic flow and the walking up and down the walkway instead of coming into the Torian. The new area should direct traffic in.

Horst –

Needs definite direction on the gate. Do we need to look at the design of how it looks?

Baldinger -

Suggested coming up with a couple of stock choices with colors, etc. but not a redesign.

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More discussion took place on pros and cons of the fence. The fence is an unresolved issue that needs to be addressed in some fashion by the Committee.

DuBord –

Doesn't know where this Council stands on this point. They haven't weighed in on this item yet but they probably will now. This was a big deal before. She doesn't know how this will be resolved.

Horst –

Regarding the structure, they looked at other developments that have structures for ideas. She showed some ideas of the design by powerpoint and gave options of what materials could be used. It was suggested to look at the Mountain Design standards for structures.

Blackstone –

Likes the idea of tying this to the pattern with the streetscape instead of matching it to building materials.

Keenan –

Explained that this would need to go through a building permit and possibly a Minor Exterior Modification permit.

Discussion took place regarding building the structure "industrial strength" because of the use it will get and the wild life trying to get in, etc. A utilitarian, bullet proof steel, tough design with possibly wood accents would be good.

### **Motion:**

Frasier moved to accept the trash enclosure and the Burgess Creek Plaza as presented with considerations of the discussion today. We offer those as recommendations to the SSRA. Blackstone seconded the motion.

### **Vote:**

Approved unanimously

## **4. Après Ski Way Roundabout Landscaping**

- *The final design will be presented on the Après Ski Way Roundabout Landscaping. A URAAC recommendation is requested to move it to the SSRA.*

Horst –

Highlighted what trees and shrubs have been taken out to reduce some of the costs. They reduced the trees by 40% and the shrubs by 27%. This was more of a thinning out than a complete removal of any one area. This is a reduction but not a major change.

Discussion took place regarding irrigation, crosswalks, etc. Kracum explained that the irrigation will be taken care of and the crosswalks can be put in at any time later since this is a matter of funding.

Jameson -

Has concerns with the sidewalk by Snow Flower and over by LaMontana.

Kracum -

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These will go in when we have funding for them. As of now, the funding will provide for the Promenade, the Creek and the small amount of landscaping, and that is about it until we get additional funding.

Baldinger –

Asked what is up with the blue signs? The whole idea of roundabouts and how you navigate them, the signage is different than streets. He assumes the blue signs are for public safety but there are the street signs that are for right angle intersections and they don't point correctly. At one point we took them down then put them back up at a better angle. Normally the signage is in the center of the circle. Now, when you are approaching, it is confusing.

Hruby –

There are a whole variety of ways to put the signs. They opted to do this because of snow, etc. They can certainly look at this for better orientation.

Discussion took place regarding how the signs look and how they work now.

### **Motion:**

Schneider moved to have the roundabout landscaping be moved on to the SSRA for final decision. Blackstone seconded the motion.

### **Vote:**

Approved Unanimously

## **5. Promenade Snowmelt Discussion**

- *Recent discussions indicated the desire for a snowmelted Promenade. We would like to continue the discussion on this issue with additional cost opinion information provided in terms of total snowmelt, targeted snowmelt, and snowmelt infrastructure. A URAAC recommendation is requested on the Promenade and Plazas.*

Kracum –

The question is whether we should snowmelt the whole Promenade or just targeted areas? We have already decided that we are going to do the Burgess Creek Plaza. He feels if we are going to do anything, we need to do the stairs up to the Torian Plaza. After looking at the shadow study, we may need to do the whole Promenade. They have some options where they can connect the mechanical. They can either go into the Thunderhead or down to the mechanical room by the Torian garage.

They are still considering alternative energy sources. He will have more information on this at the next meeting. He feels direct use of geothermal water is out because of the expense for exploration. He is looking at possible grants. The problem is that we have the water but our power rates are low and the grants are going to communities that have water and have high power rates.

DuBord –

Does not believe the payback is big enough to go to the expense of doing studies.

Kracum –

Explained what he has been learning about solar ground heating.

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Porter –

Is skeptical of doing the whole Promenade with technology that is still being developed. He would be interested in doing a small demonstration project that could be a point of interest and curiosity.

This is not as complex as people think.

DuBord –

Wants to caution everyone that if you can't do this cost effectively, you can waste time and a lot of money to come to the same conclusion that they found when building the Community Center. The payback just wasn't big enough.

Harmon –

Asked if we are insulating underneath the plaza at Burgess Creek?

Kracum –

Thinks we will be putting blue board down.

Discussion took place regarding the type of insulation to use and the pros and cons of using bubble wrap. Kracum noted that URAAC wants everything but they also want it cheap. This ongoing discussion is healthy to continue.

### **6. Promenade O&M Agreement**

- *Revisions have been made to the SSRC and SSRA O&M agreement for the Promenade. A URAAC recommendation is requested to move it to the SSRA.*

Kracum –

Public Works is still working on some changes so he would like to pull this from the agenda until we get everything worked out. This will be brought back at a later date.

### **7. Miscellaneous Items**

- *We will provide a discussion of items raised between the development of this agenda and the URAAC meeting.*

The holiday banners have been removed.

DuBord –

On the tentative agenda for SSRA on July 21<sup>st</sup> members of Council and SSRA will work with Malcolm Murray and Alan Matlosz on the moral obligation.

Horst –

The shadow study just came in and it will be explained to the Committee.

Kracum –

At the Council Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the direction he received from City Council was to continue with Duckels this year but put the promenade out for bid the next two years. There are still details to work out on this. He recommended we keep the Wenk team throughout this because we are way too far into the design with the Promenade and the creek. If they want to go out for bid it would be for the following:

- three intersection improvements
- road improvements
- wayfinding and signing

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- Gondola Transit Center

DuBord –

We promised Council that we would show them all the pricing. Their concern was that this is tax payer's money and we have to do our best to get the best prices. We may have to go through a little more detail for Council with prices. Going out for bids is only fair.

Baldinger –

Having had experience with this project for many years and going with many different design teams, Wenk has been the best and most consistent. Because of Wenk's history, there is a huge value there. We have started over several times. Wenk came in and has done a great job without knowing all the previous details. One of our responsibilities is to not keep redoing things. It costs a lot less for one more drawing that gets it perfectly when you have a design team that knows the project. There are lots of consultants that have done a lot of great work. We are only one step away from finishing this and having a solution that will work. He asked what the best way is to let SSRA know URAAC's feelings? Should we attend the SSRA meeting?

DuBord –

At this point in time, we are ok through this construction season. But, when this comes up again it will be important to make the justifications you just stated and then at the appropriate SSRA meeting, make that pitch. Council was unanimous on the construction piece but on the design side, they were split. When we get to that point, the Chairman of URAAC and the Committee should go to SSRA and make the recommendation. If we have to change, it makes a lot more work for Joe and a lot more work for the City if we have to go out and bid everything.

Seth Lorson, City Planner –

Explained the shadow study to the Committee. The study includes Thunderhead and One Steamboat Place.

Kracum –

Asked if there is any interest at looking at the possibility of using solar panels to do the lighting on the promenade? The consensus was yes.

### **Adjourn:**

The meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 2:55pm.