

**Summary of URAAC Steering Committee Meeting-Steamboat Unbridled
8/27/09
Meeting held in Crawford Room, Centennial Hall**

Committee Members in Attendance	Ex-Officio	Staff, Consultants and TAC Members	Other Interested Parties
Steve Frasier Jane Blackstone Chris Diamond Jim Schneider (Alt.) David Nagel Jon Wade Timm Harmon Peter Patten		Joe Kracum Nicole Horst Bob Keenan Janet Hruby	John Curnow (For Chuck Porter) Ron Halverson Frank Alfone Mark Matthews

Co-Chairman Frasier called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Administrative Items

- Review meeting notes from August 13, 2009 meeting
- Next SSRA Meeting & Open House – September 8, 2009
- Next URAAC Meeting – September 10, 2009 – Rooms #113 & 114

MOTION:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 23, 2009 meeting minutes as written.

VOTE:

Motion passed unanimously

Co-Chairman Frasier-

Summarized the upcoming meeting dates. The next SSRA Meeting and Open House will be September 8th, and the next URAAC meeting will be September 10th.

Jane Blackstone has submitted her resignation and we will miss her and wish her the best of luck.

Asked to postpone the construction update until later in the agenda because two members need to leave early.

NON CONSENT AGENDA:

2. Construction Update

- A short briefing will be made on the 2009 Construction Effort

Postponed to later in meeting.

3. Ski Time Square Issues

- We will discuss the issues at Ski Time Square as presented in several letters from businesses and residents. Issues include trying to drive more business towards Ski Time Square through signing and potentially additional parking.

Kracum –

We have received several letters from residents and businesses in Ski Time Square. He gave a summary of what the letters entailed. The demolition of STS has become very difficult for the businesses and the rentals are down. They are requesting additional parking in landscaped areas, bus service especially in the summertime, additional signage, additional lift tickets to be provided in Ski Time Square, and special events with the possibility of an ice rink to bring in more people.

Public Comment –

The area today is deserted. Some of the businesses that used to be open in the summer are closed. The businesses are going down the tube because there is no traffic.

Frasier -

How can we sustain the existing businesses between now and when the build out occurs?

Discussion took place regarding what can be done and what can be controlled.

There is a possibility we could use the parking area behind the Tugboat on the upper deck. If the demand is there, we could use some of the empty building areas for parking.

Frasier –

What can URAAC do to help with this?

Kracum –

Has spoken with City Staff to see what we can do to help. SSRA funds could be used for some of the parking areas. Possibly doing some top soil and seeding on three of the areas and possibly grassing the area by the Tugboat to be used as a special events center. The problem is how much money should be used? He is comfortable with using \$30,000.00 of this year's budget. He will come up with some ideas for the next meeting. We have the advantage that we have someone that can do this work right away and Fall would be a good time.

Frasier –

Is this something the committee would like to do?

Some ideas came up on how to inform the public about these changes, particularly when people use the bus. The Ski Corp. is looking into some possibilities of a Kiosk to sell tickets when people get off the bus but so far the technology is not there.

There are still different issues for summer and winter. Parking, tickets and events are the major issues that could help bring people to Ski Time Square.

Patten -

Suggested doing something big and crazy in the area where Thunderhead used to be. Possibly hot air balloon rides that would draw attention to that area. Something that would capture attention and bring people to that area. Possibly balloon rides that could be brought right back down with ropes. The committee consensus was that this would be a great idea.

The committee would like to make the bus turnaround more productive.

Janet Hruby –

This bus stop will remain in the winter but in the summer she explained that the only way this will be included and more productive will be to add another bus and she stated that that is not going to happen at this time with budget issues.

The committee feels that signage and banners will be a big help with summertime. This probably won't happen until next year because of budget issues.

Frasier –

We will continue with Agenda Item #1 and combine Agenda Items 4 & 5

(2. Construction Update)

Kracum –

Gave an update on what has happened with construction. Some of the water has been diverted to allow it to go into the creek. There was a manhole and pipe that was not identified in the as-builts and they are replacing this. Mt. Werner Water is replacing sanitary sewer upgrade between two manholes and they were asked to extend this. This was shown on slides and some discussion took place regarding understanding where the water comes from and how it flows. The trash enclosure is on schedule with no complaints. Things are looking pretty good.

4. Promenade & Daylighting of Burgess Creek Design

- We will discuss the progress on the design development on the Promenade and Daylighting of Burgess Creek. *We will check in with the Committee on the relevant issues.*

Combined Agenda Items 4 & 5

5. Promenade & Daylighting of Burgess Creek Construction Phasing

- We will discuss the potential construction phasing of the work on the Promenade and Daylighting of Burgess Creek. The team will provide general options each with associated pros & cons. *We will ask for general direction from the Committee.*

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Kracum –

Construction Phasing –

He has been asked to look at a year of construction. Some basic assumptions are to get all the underground work done first which would be all utility relocations, the water line move, upgrade to the sanitary and storm sewer, the underdrain for the creek, and rough grading of the area. These things should all be done by the end of July if they start the day after the ski season ends. We have September and October to do something else. We are under the draw of the bond so we get money this year and next year, etc. He does not see how we can do things any faster than they are being done with weather and other considerations, so we are into a two year scenario. Within that scenario, we are looking at utility and rough grading of the entire area which would be from One Steamboat Place to where we are working now. We have two options; one is to do the north end of the Promenade first in 2010, and the other is to do the south end in 2010. The idea he would like to promote is to have something completed by the end of this next year that would be a physical connection. In 2011 we would turn the other pieces around. The Ski Time Square connection, which is the west side of Torian Plum, can be done either year as well as the creek. If we do the north, we can do the amphitheatre and the complete top of the Torian Plum garage which would be a good connection, then in 2011, we would do the Gondola Square and Sheraton and connect with One Steamboat Place. The other way around going south, we would do the opposite. This would be a little tighter timeframe.

Torian Plum has requested they coordinate their waterproofing of the garage at the same time. He would like to start proceeding on this and would like a recommendation within the next couple meetings.

A discussion took place on the best way to proceed.

Kracum –

There are contractors that could come in and get this done in one summer but he is concerned with the quality of some of their work. You would have to close the base area down and there would be no gondola, no bikes, no weddings, etc. There is no way around that to get this done in a year.

Some businesses will have to pay for their share of O&M even though their businesses would not be done. The contributions agreement is already complete. He explained that he can have the boiler in for the snowmelt. This would be good since the first winter is the most expensive. He explained what he can get done by showing the areas on the slides.

He showed the One Steamboat Place plaza and explained it will be completed this year with a small area of the Promenade being connected to that.

Diamond –

Suggested alternative possibilities such as possibly a 2/3rds, 1/3rd option. We could get as much as possible on the south since the south will already be started, we could get as much of the south as possible up to road base and come back and do

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the heatmelt of the pavers the following year. This would allow it to be ready to be completed the following year. A good surface would be a vast improvement from where we are now for the whole thing. He would rather see the north done first however, because it would allow the amphitheatre to be done and events could start happening.

More discussion took place on what could be done. Weather will have a big impact on this. The underground unknowns will also impact this. There is also concern about the "pretty's" that would be done last and those could be cut if money runs out which we don't want to happen.

Discussion also took place regarding the upcoming bidding process.

Wade –

The original proposal on the table is to do ½ each year. Clarification was made on other suggestions. Diamond has mentioned possibly doing the Promenade and doing the work on the creek but not finish it the first year, then we would have a work in progress the next year. Is one of these options better than the other?

Can you do the Promenade and leave the creek alone or do they have to be done in conjunction with each other.

Kracum –

In the area by Gondola Square we need to do the Promenade before the creek or at the same time because they are so tight together. The Promenade is the critical path not the creek, the creek can be done at any time. He would be happy to go through these schedules with anyone interested to make it clearer. He would rather do the hard parts first in case they run into problems to keep this from going into three years.

They are looking at doing the Design Build and they have been working with the property owners on this. They have all the tie-ins connected and they know where they will tie-in the power and the water. They are looking to see if there are areas that that can be included that private property owners want and that they will pay for to get as much done in these areas as possible. This Design Build process needs to be put in the same contract or another contract. If we include it in the same contract it will allow better coordination with some kind of transfer of fees to the private property owners. If we do it separately, it allows the transfer to happen right up front.

Horst -

Gave a PowerPoint on the lighting design and showed the movable ballards which are shorter (3-4 feet tall) light posts that shine down. She showed the different types of lights and where they will be located. All lights would not be lit at all times. The snow makes things brighter so we don't need as much light in the winter.

Discussion took place regarding different lights and positioning. There are concerns that the lighting be properly set for safety reasons.

Horst –

Had a great meeting with Ski Corp. this morning. The Torian Plum has not changed with the pressure points and the granite pathway that sweeps through the lawn space. What they revised is where the Promenade is aligned to the south. They have talked about the Gondola Plaza having a prominent end to the plaza space. She showed the area that would be a summer only lower terrace space which would be covered in the winter. There is ledge rock that would come out. The water feature could be water flowing over the ledge rock that would be re-circulated. There is concern that potable water could be shut down by the health department.

The water fountains are being thought through.

She showed the little bridge for bikers and pedestrians and explained how they will have a little lawn space to make a strong connection to follow the creek. She showed the seat walls by the kids center and how those will work both in winter and summer. She also showed where the wading area for the kids will be located. More details will be completed once the meeting takes place with the Torian Plum board and to see what they have planned for the top of the garage.

6. Miscellaneous Items

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

A suggestion was made to have the pedestrian walkway painted over by LaMontana on Après Ski Way. Janet Hruby stated that we want to reroute people in that area so they don't cross in that area. Hopefully the walkway can be placed further up by One Steamboat Place. Cars just don't stop in that area.

Kracum –

Brought up the subject of where public art should be placed. Is this something that needs to be added to the contract for Wenk or do we need to do an RFP? The third option would be to get suggestions from the Public Art Board. He has worked with them before but was unable to get off the ground.

The consensus was to have Wade work with Kracum on a volunteer basis. Kracum stated that we have discussed having the art located at the five intersection locations which makes sense from an artistic stand point and a wayfinding stand point. These are from the intersections of the Promenade and where the connections come down from the streets. There would be one in Gondola Square, two in the Torian Plum area, one in One Steamboat Place, and one at the Sheraton.

He will also bring this up with the Chamber. Art squares are hard to deal with because of so many different view points.

Adjourn:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:00pm.