

Summary of URAAC Steering Committee Meeting-Steamboat Unbridled

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Meeting held in Crawford Room, Centennial Hall

Committee Members in Attendance	Ex-Officio	Staff, Consultants, and TAC Members	Other Interested Parties
Steve Frasier Chris Diamond Jim Schneider (Alt.) David Nagel Jon Wade David Baldinger	Loui Antonucci	Joe Kracum Bob Keenan Janet Hruby	David Berolzheimer Bonnie Starr Carl Nordquist Maria Nordquist

Co-Chairman Baldinger called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00pm. He reviewed the Consent Agenda items listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Administrative Items

- *Review meeting notes from August 27, 2009 meeting*
- *Next SSRA Meeting & Open House – October 20, 2009*
- *Next URAAC Meeting – September 24, 2009*

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion passed unanimously

Co-Chairman Baldinger -

Summarized the upcoming meeting dates. The next SSRA Meeting and Open House will be October 20, 2009, and the next URAAC meeting will be September 24th.

NON CONSENT AGENDA:

2. Promenade & Daylighting of Burgess Creek Design Update

- *A briefing will be made on the progress of the design development. URAAC input will be requested.*

Kracum –

Alignment and grading are finalized except for a small area at Gondola Square which will be sorted out in the next day or two. He will distribute copies of the final sketches by email when they are complete.

He has been meeting with a number of the property owners over the last couple of weeks. The Torian Plum is working with us well and they want to do some extra work. They want to hardscape the entire top of the garage. They are also looking at

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waterproofing the entire top of the garage. They have a desire to do all the work next year. Their garage ventilation system needs to be fixed before we can build anything there.

He met with the Sheraton yesterday and that went well and they are fine with everything. They have moved the Thursday Public Meetings to the Sheraton as of today.

The only thing he has been working on with the Ski. Corporation, is the pedestrian connection between the service road and the Promenade.

They are working on the snowmelt system along the entire Promenade. They have been asked to do the infrastructure and connections for the snowmelt system and at the next meeting he will be asking this Committee if we want to put the boilers in and he will have a better plan put together before the next meeting. He will need to know if we want to go with the entire system or not.

He has plans for bidding the work for next year. It will be very similar to what we did in 2005/2006. Proposals will be evaluated on a number of different items such as cost, community impact mitigation, traffic control plan, schedule and pedestrian plan. They will have a pre-advertised meeting in mid-December, put on the streets in mid-January, and then give them four weeks to put proposals together which would be due in mid-February. He is suggesting an evaluation team similar to what we had in the past which would involve civil design and construction team, Nicole Horst from Wenk, and myself. He would also like one member from URAAC as well as a member of SSRA to sit on the evaluation team. Also included would be Janet Hruby from Public Works, Bob Keenan from Planning, Anne Small from Risk Management and John Roberts or Wendy DuBord from City Managers office. He would also like to add an erosion control plan to the evaluation. Another piece he would like everyone to think about is if the Committee would like to add in the request for proposal for an identification of how much local labor and local materials would be used.

The plan is to have a recommendation from URAAC the last meeting in February with everything ready to go to SSRA for approval the first meeting in early March. This would give us an award and notice to proceed, reconstruction conference and we would be ready to start construction the day after ski season ends.

Diamond –

Has a concern with the Torian Plum having hardscape across the entire garage because the whole Promenade design shows this to be a ski-in, ski-out area.

Kracum –

They are not anticipating using snowmelt in that hardscape area.

3. Construction Schedule Promenade & Daylighting of Burgess Creek Update

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- *A briefing will be made on the scheduling effort for 2010-2011 construction. URAAC input will be requested.*

Kracum –

Regarding scheduling, he has heard that we want to get all the utilities and rough grading done on the entire Promenade and get a completed project on the Torian Plum property. They have found a good connection to the Sheraton as a temporary connection between seasons. This would be a temporary path where the Promenade would go from the point at the Sheraton down to One Steamboat Place. The following year they would complete the Promenade from the Sheraton to One Steamboat Place and finish up the creek and test the creek out in 2011. The actual use of the creek would be in 2012. Another consideration in this process has to do with financing. We are looking at a \$6m budget for next year and in October he will be able to give us a pretty good idea of what we can get done and some decisions will have to be made.

He will be asking for unimpeded access the week after the ski season closes until about the third week of June. In July and August we can deal with all the events such as weddings, etc. He will talk to the Chamber and other businesses to let them know we need to schedule events in July and August and not the first part of June. This will enable us to get the pipe work done.

He stated that a construction update will be given at the site and it is a big deal for our construction team to have the committee out there. There is the feeling with the construction team that URAAC doesn't know what they do in the field and they would like to show everyone what they have been doing.

He stated that they have found the signature rock they want to use. They found it about 20' from where they want to put it. Nicole and JC went down to the quarry and hand picked and marked all the stone that is going to be used. They are very happy with what they got.

4. Miscellaneous Items

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

We have talked about signing for Ski Time Square. He met with a merchant this morning who had some good ideas. There is a possibility we can move one or two more vehicle signs and add some smaller signs in this year's budget.

There is also a possibility to use some funding to improve the Atira site by expanding the parking facility next to the Tugboat with asphalt. It is not a permanent solution but would provide a better service than what you see up there now.

The other issue that has come up is a crosswalk on the west side of Après Ski Way. Before they can do that, they need to put ADA ramps on the sidewalks. This would be a quick fix. He showed on slides/sketch where this would be.

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Discussion took place regarding the idea of using local contractors. The exception to this would be to put in the snowmelt system because it is so complicated.

Frasier –

Has had correspondence with Rich Levy, an ex-officio member of URAAC. Levy is not present but asked Frasier to relay a couple of questions. “I have seen past agenda items pertaining to sculptures and STS revitalization. While both of these are important topics, I and the Steamboat Springs Planning Commission are concerned that URAAC might be considering them with URA funds. What is the status and are they on future agendas?” My response to him was that we have been approached to see whether or not we might incorporate space for individuals or groups to dedicate memorial art, but it is my understanding that we would simply provide a venue in which others could provide this art. 2) We have been approached several times over the years to see if there was a budget line for art work within the Promenade and that detail has yet to be determined. 3) We were recently approached to see whether URA funds might be appropriated to revitalize the Ski Time Square area before rebuilding occurs in order to retain some aesthetic appeal. At a previous meeting, Peter Patten had suggested a large visual event such as a large hot air balloon be positioned in the old Thunderhead Lodge lot in order to draw spectators. This item came up for the first time at our last meeting and I am certain that it will be addressed again. His final response to that, “he has not been attending these meetings because our process now has moved past any planning and more into logistics and execution at this phase. He hopes these items will only be discussed when on the agenda so that he and the public are aware of them. Originally we talked about using the Art’s Council to screen any art placement. This would be appropriate for memorials as well. We need to have a place and plan for all art in public spaces. Also, any art in public spaces would need a maintenance agreement. It would be more appropriate to place these with non URA funds on private property.” He finished with, “URA funds were created for the long term revitalization of the base area. I and the Planning Commission do not feel money intended for capital projects should be used for economic stimulus.” Frasier committed to Levy that he would share these comments with the committee.

His position is that he is not in favor of using any URA funds for any revitalization of the STS area and he would like to have art work discussions placed on the agenda so concerned entities could be aware in advance.

Kracum –

He will get with the Art Council and put it on a future agenda. He agrees that the balloon idea is a great one but he is hoping to use that area where the Thunderhead Lodge used to be as a staging area for the next two years in the summertime. Use of this area for storage is a huge cost saver for us.

The below members from the public were present as interested residents of the area.

David Berolzheimer, Bonnie Starr and Carl and Maria Nordquist.

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The meeting recessed for a Site Tour.

5. Construction Update & Site Tour

- *The URAAC meeting will be recessed and will meet at the construction site at 2:00pm for a construction update and site tour.*

The meeting reconvened for a site tour.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned after the site tour.