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O’Neil Street Facility Re-Use Planning Committee

Thursday, May 25, 2017
6:15 PM
City Hall – Council Chambers

Committee Members
Patti Smith (Chair, Council Rep)           Barbara Dee (Conservation Commission)
Linda Boudreau (Planning Board)           Steve Marston (Resident)
Harold Spetla (Resident)                  Linden Thigpen (Resident)
Andrew Capelluti (Energy & Recycling)     Craig Piper (Comprehensive Planning)
Sara Zografos (Resident)                  Joshua Reny (Asst. City Manager)

Staff & Consultants
Tex Haeuser (Planning Director)           Kylie Mason (Landscape Architect)
Laura Moorehead (Facilitator)             Curt Jensch (Landscape Architect)

Absent
None

1. Meeting was called to order by Smith (Chair) at 6:15 pm.

2. Following a motion and second, the minutes of March 30, 2017 and April 27, 2017 meetings were adopted by unanimous vote of the committee.

3. L. Moorehead greeted the Committee and gave an update on the progress to date and the work that will be done during the next month, including the Public Forum scheduled for June 20th. Following the last meeting Tex reached out to a few landscape architects (Craig Piper, Kylie Mason, and Curt Jensch) who have agreed to spend time with the committee tonight for a mini-charrette. It is hoped that several design concepts will result that can be presented at the Forum next month. Following the forum, the committee will be meeting with the City Council for a check-in and ask for feedback on the design concepts.

4. Tex introduced the Craig, Kylie, and Curt, and explained that each of them would facilitate a table discussion focused on a different type of design. Craig’s table will focus on a more
traditional patter of development, Kylie’s table will focus on a blend of housing types, and Curt’s table will focus on tiny homes. The committee and members of the public then split into three groups and discussed a variety of design ideas during the next 45 minutes.

5. Following the table breakouts, L. Moorehead asked each of the groups to present the design ideas that had been discussed, and participants moved from table to table to see and hear the various ideas. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was agreed that the design concepts would be refined and redrafted to prepare them for presentation at the Public Forum in June.

6. Public Comments

7. The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting is on Thursday, June 22 from 6:15 – 8:00 pm at City Council Chambers.