

Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN)  
Land Use Committee (LUC)  
June 9, 2010  
Zocalo Conference Room  
Minutes by: Fred Lai

<u>Attendees:</u>	<u>LUC Member</u>	<u>Presenter/Visitor</u>	<u>Project</u>
Fred Lai, Co-Chair	X		
Kari-elin Mock	X		
Raf Espinoza	X		
Joe Boven	X		
Jerry Olson		X	23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Gateway
Jeff Shea		X	23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Gateway
Ryan Sand		X	23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Gateway

6:47 PM – Meeting called to order. Sign-in sheet distributed.

**General:**

1. No corrections to previous Meeting Minutes.
2. Need to reach out to more LUC members – attendance is dwindling.

**New Business:**

1. No construction project updates.
2. FL wrote a ‘Thank You’ email to Lex and Lauren for their contributions to Jeff Park Day.
3. Cristin Couzens sent an invite to attend HUNI LUC meeting but no one could attend. FL will make an effort to make a future meeting and inquire about how HUNI does their Neighborhood/Developer’s Agreements.
4. Granada Theater renovation project should be a topic at a future LUC meeting.
5. FL wrote an email to Joe Boven asking that the new JPUN logo project be discussed as part of the Communications Committee and not a Land Use Committee topic.

**Discussion:**

1. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Gateway:
  - a. JO talked to Mike Yankovich of the Childrens’ Museum about their recent landscaping improvements. Mike has indicated an interest in meeting to know more about the Gateway project.
  - b. JS requested that we try to obtain a landscape plan of the Childrens’ Museum improvements.
  - c. KM noted that the Childrens’ Museum has increased their curb appeal by the new landscaping.
  - d. JO would like to schedule an introduction meeting with the Childrens’ Museum.
  - e. FL sent an email to Lex introducing the Gateway project and asking for plans or renderings of Element 47 to incorporate into some images. FL mentioned that it would be nice to try and match the land/hardscape patterning or palette of Element 47. FL has not received a response yet.
  - f. JO would like to schedule the Childrens’ Museum meeting for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm.

- g. JO mentioned that he has been in contact with Jeff Shoemaker of the Greenway Foundation and is in the process of setting up a meeting with him. Jeff will be a very important figure from a political and marketing perspective.
- h. JO would like to have one concept plan developed before presenting to any stakeholders. This would possibly be sometime in July.
- i. JO has not been able to contact anyone at the Denver Aquarium yet.
- j. JO has contacted CDOT but the person is out of town until next week. He would like to request design guidelines from CDOT to help inform the project.
- k. KM asked how we get to a single concept plan?
- l. RS mentioned that it has been hard to schedule a time when all of the LA's can meet.
- m. JS said that we need to make decisions about what to keep and what to delete on the plans.
- n. KM suggested starting with comparing to existing conditions, compiling experiences of the pedestrian and cyclists, and improving the signage and wayfinding.
- o. JO mentioned that the City of Denver has a program called 'Denver Moves' which addresses planning for pedestrian and bike traffic. He has been in contact with Emily... 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is on the route for further study.
- p. BW asked who makes the ultimate decisions?
- q. KM indicated that whoever holds the funding might determine a lot of the decisions. Where grant money comes from may also have a lot of influence.
- r. JB would like an idealized plan with a stepped process for how to reach it.
- s. RS likes the idea of dissecting the ideas into reachable portions.
- t. BW indicated that watering concerns would have an influence on the design scope.
- u. JB suggested contacting Councilwoman Sandoval to gain support.
- v. JO would like to get Sandoval's support for marketing.
- w. JO suggested that Sloans Lake would not be impacted. Federal Blvd Partnership would have a greater stake in the project.
- x. JB suggested inviting CW Sandoval to a future LUC meeting, perhaps July 14?
- y. RS suggested that the group focus on Childrens' Museum interests since we are meeting with them first.
- z. RS would like to focus on the fence ideas.
- aa. BW suggested using keynotes on a concept plan which would refer to ideas sheets for leave behinds.
- bb. KM likes the ideas of having separate sheets with options of keyed areas – i.e. A, B, C, D.
- cc. RS is backing down on the pole idea and would like to focus more on plantings for the ramp area.
- dd. JB disagrees and believes it is important to keep a movement piece and installation idea to distinguish Jeff Park from other neighborhoods.
- ee. KM believes the next focus should be on: (1) the automobile big experience at the ramp, (2) pedestrian experience, (3) signage areas, (4) bridge area, (5) Jeff Park identity areas, and (6) catalog of ideas.

8:15 PM – Meeting adjourned