

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY

June 17, 2008

CM Gorton chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 1:00 pm. All committee members were present.

1. Liberty Road Update

Bob Bayert, Div. of Engineering, gave this update. He stated that Phase 1A is looking really good. The Star Shoot Parkway connection has been made. The light signal will be going up shortly. They are preparing for Phase 1A to be complete and ready for the opening of the school in August.

In Phase 1B, they are continually working on Right-of-Way acquisitions; forwarding 4 properties to State; they have received 2 utility agreements but still need 3 more; also need agreement from State regarding all of the properties.

CM Ellinger asked if there would be bike lanes and Mr. Bayert said yes.

2. Streetscape Plan

Mike Webb, General Services Project Manager for Streetscape Master Plan, introduced the consultant and his team. The principal being Clete Benken and other team members present are Mike Woolum, VP of Strand Assoc.; Harold Tate, Downtown Development Authority and Vitale Buford;

Clete Benken stated that they have several weeks to complete various pieces. They have refined earlier standards; worked with staff on streetscape materials and site furnishings. Every recommendation considers the sustainability and environmental impact. They are working on bicycle mobility and design guidelines for the bus shelters with Lextran.

Several CMs and citizen, Van Meter Pettit, asked questions and made statements.

It was decided that this plan, which includes the sidewalk study, have its final draft presented to this committee at the Aug. 19th meeting, along with the Downtown Master Plan.

3. Management Audit Implementation

Joe Kelly, Senior Advisor for the Mayor's Office, gave this update.

A motion by CM Stevens to hire a CPA Auditor to perform a financial audit for the Family Health Care Clinic, seconded by CM Crosbie, passed without dissent.

CM Gorton asked where the funding would come from for this audit and Mr. Kelly said that administration will look for the money; it is not a huge amount needed. If they run into complications, they will come back to Council.

CM Crosbie asked about sending corrections to the factual inaccuracies listed in the audit to Paul Schoninger, Council Research Analyst. Several other CMs made comments about this same issue.

A motion by CM Blues to table the motion to place the Management Partners Audit issues into the appropriate Council Link, seconded by CM Stinnett, failed by a 4-7 vote.

A motion by CM Beard to place the Management Partners Audit recommendations into the appropriate Council Link, seconded by CM Crosbie, passed with an 8-2 vote.

A motion by CM Crosbie to have Paul Schoninger send notice to the division directors for them to send to Paul the MP audit recommendations' discrepancies by 8/15/08 and Paul to send them to CMs, CA, and administration by 9/5/08, seconded by CM James, passed without dissent.

A motion by CM Crosbie to adjourn, seconded by CM Meyers, passed without dissent.

Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 3:12 P.M.