

SANDUSKY BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE

MAY 5, 2022 – Meeting Minutes

Mission Statement: The Bayfront Corridor Committee, a cross-section of community stakeholders serving at the pleasure of the City Commission, reviews proposed waterfront development projects relative to adopted city plans and their benefit to the community and makes recommendations to the administration and City Commission with the purpose of maximizing the advantages of Sandusky's strategic location on Lake Erie.

Attendance:

Carl McGookey, Chair	Blake Harris, City Commission Liaison
David Miller	Arin Blair, City Staff
Bill Semans	Aaron Klein, City Staff
Kevin Zeiher	
Mike Zuilhof	

Meeting called to order by Chairperson McGookey at 7:35.

It was determined that a quorum of 5 (of 9 members) was present.

Minutes

Minutes from the March 2022 meeting were not available, but a video of the meeting is available online. The April meeting had been cancelled.

New Business

Columbus Avenue Streetscape Arin Blair

An early design site walk for this project was done from Adams Street to Water Street. KS Associates is doing a detailed site analysis survey of this corridor. Boring samples have been taken. Ms. Blair is available to speak with any groups about this upcoming project. Mr. Miller inquired about historical elements of this project, including possibly maintaining some of the original brick paving. Mr. Zuilhof made a point about maintaining sight lines to the water. Ms. Blair spoke of maintaining parking on Columbus Avenue with wider sidewalks for pedestrians and dining. Parallel parking may be utilized rather than the current diagonal parking. The need for parking enforcement was discussed along with the commercial vs residential uses downtown.

Justice Center Aaron Klein

The Justice Center design should be completed in June/July timeframe and the project will be bid on this year. The plan will include the parking lot northwest of the former city building. The next lot north will probably be used for staging during construction. South of the building will be a gated/ fenced area for police officers to park vehicles. The skateboard park will not be part of this plan and the intention is to leave it at its present location.

Sandusky Bay Pathway

Marous Brothers Construction is considering how they want to proceed with the redevelopment of Battery Park. The Meigs Street/ Water Street entrance to that area will be changing with the work being done currently on Meigs Street. Entrances into the Battery Park area will be created from Water Street and Market Street. The SB Pathway will initially run along Meigs Street south to Sycamore Street. From there, the intent is to have the pathway divert into the neighborhood east of Meigs Street. There has always been a vision of a dual pathway with another path on the pier track with a bridge over the boating entrance to the Cove boathouse area.

Shoreline Park

Concrete work on the west side of the western finger wrapping around to the northern aspect of the pier at Shoreline Park and concrete repair work on the eastern wall of the Paper District Marina and associated walkway were put out to bid but no bids were received. Those two areas plus a resurfacing and reorganizing project at the parking lot behind Daly's pub off East Water Street will be put out for bid. The Daly's lot project will include pedestrian amenities, some motorcycle/ golf cart parking and an increase in automobile parking. Discussion included different ways to increase bicycle use such as pedicycles, marina community bicycle/ golfcart usage.

Grant Applications

Grants have been submitted; one by ODOT for a Raise Grant for a \$30-36 million project with an ask for \$25 million for the SB Pathway from Cedar Point Drive to Cleveland Road utilizing the pier track the other by the city for \$18 million for the unfinished portions of the SB Pathway to include the pier track and the Cove bridge. It could be as early as August when we learn if those grants have been accepted.

Warren Street

This project will be bid out in the June/July timeframe. That will have a pathway on the west side of the street connecting Huron Park to Water Street. East Water Street will be worked on next year. This is another site where the city is very cognizant of sightlines and how trees can impede water vistas.

Jackson Street Pier

During events on the pier, there has been a large increase in boat traffic and the city prohibits docking on the north end of the pier. Fire Department divers have been utilized to clear the sides of the pier of any protrusions from the steel piling and to check the slips around the pier. There is also no overnight docking at Jackson Street Pier.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The high-rate treatment project is moving forward. The city is working to minimize impacts on Sprau and Amvets Parks during baseball season. There will be a need to use a ballfield north of

the playground to stage this project, so the ballfield will be relocated to the location north of Amvets Field, located adjacent to the SB Pathway. This will be bid in the fall with a completion anticipated by December 2024. Access to the ballfields via the SB Pathway will be excellent.

Old Business

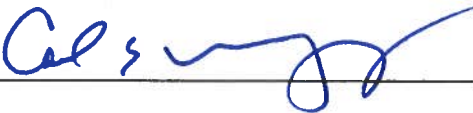
Route 6 Roundabout at Cedar Point Drive

The design phase has been awarded to the firm which did the preliminary design. They have 6 conceptual designs. Then there will be a public meeting. It will be a 2024 construction event. The funding for the roundabouts further east will be decided later.

Causeway Wetlands

A fence has been placed to keep people from fishing on the wetland walls.

Adjournment at 8:30

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cal S. [unclear]", is written over a horizontal line.

Committee Member