

Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 6/21/2017 1:00 PM

Meeting location: Price Center, ERC conference room

Type of meeting: ARCH Advisory Committee	Attendees:
Facilitator: Cory Stevenson	Ramona Ferreira
Note taker: Leticia Ruelas	Robert Frazier
	Malia Mahi
	Sophia Hirakis
	Mayra Estrada
	Daniel Jacobsen
	Mary Beth Ward
	Sonja Steinbrech
	Cory Stevenson
	Zihan Xu
	Presenters of pedestrian bridge

AGENDA

Meeting begun at 1:02 PM

Appeal # 958

- Sophia motioned to vote on the appeal.
 - Mayra seconded the motion.
 - Appeal decision: tabled
 - Votes: 2 approve – 4 deny – 3 abstain
 - Not majority, tabled

Appeal # 1044

- Sophia motioned to vote on the appeal.
 - MB seconded the motion.
 - Appeal decision: denied
 - Votes: 0 approve – 9 deny – 0 abstain

Appeal # 1054

- Sophia motioned to vote on the appeal.
 - MB seconded the motion.
 - Appeal decision: denied
 - Votes: 0 -approve – 9 deny – 0 abstain

Appeal # 1056?

- Daniel motioned to vote on the appeal.
 - Unanimous seconded the motion.
 - Appeal decision: denied
 - Votes: 0-approve – 9 deny – 0-abstain

Appeal # 1061

- Sophia motioned to amend, with the condition they can prove documentation.
 - Unanimously seconded the motion.
 - Appeal decision: conditionally
 - Votes: 8 approve – 0 deny – 1 abstain

Appeal # 1063

- MB motioned to vote on the appeal.
 - Daniel seconded the motion.
 - Appeal decision: as much as the office can accommodate

Mark came in with presenters to discuss the pedestrian bridge. Mark had everyone introduce themselves with a small icebreaker.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

- Mark expressed the concerns of the crossing, trying to keep it in budget, and having it aligned to finish at the same time as Gilman Bridge in 2019
- Mark mentioned the presenters would be running through 3 options aside from the current plan
 - One in budget
 - One outside of budget

- Extra surprise

Presentation

- Presenters stated:
 - It's a gateway to connecting all of the community to campus. To bring user by bike or foot.
 - It's one in a life time project. Getting 3 phases of work tying together.

Discussed current design (option 1):

- Presenters:
 - They had mapped by different colors for walking, cars and bikes.
 - Allowing an assessable route.
- Sophia stated there should not be sharp right and left turns
 - Cory responded they will talk about their designs
- Presenter:
 - Discussed they have accounted for speed, movement and other specifics
 - Explained on the screen a part where floor will be elevated
 - Explained some of the safety precautions to slow down cars and bikers
 - Explained the type of system used
 - Continued explaining slides on presentation and colors to discuss bikers and pedestrians.
 - Mentioned working with a bridge team.
 - Showed pictures of what is supposed to look like coming across with Nuevo West welcoming them.
 - He explained the market is supposed to be an icon that welcomes you in.
 - Explained how they are trying to improve the pathways.
 - Sophia asked if there will be a path to safely walk.
 - Mark responded there would be accessible sidewalks.

Discussed alternate designs with images and slideshow:

- Option 2
 - Presenters:
 - Creating a bridge
 - Some of the issues come across from option 1
 - Need to leave space for fire trucks to pass by
 - Market visibility goes away
 - Traveling out of your way to get to the bridge
 - Lost landscape
- Option 3
 - Presenters:
 - Going below Miramar St.
 - Issues:
 - Doesn't get under the utilities
 - Mark stated financially high and has a lot of high risk
- Option 4
 - Presenters:
 - Idea of closing Miramar at some point (explained in map)
 - The bridge landing will be designed specifically to leave it open for bike and pedestrians.
 - Addresses some safety points.
 - Miramar can be open for emergency vehicles.
 - Mark mentioned nothing is in place yet.
 - Sophia mentioned there needs to be accessibility for handicapped individuals.

- Presenter responded the intent is to leave those OMS parking spots open through one side of OMS.
- Dan asked about a gate with access to specific vehicles.
- Mayra asked how it would look in an emergency situation
 - Presenter responded it will still be a key emergency route, none of emergency access will be moved.
- Juli stated people are driving to the garages for the most part. The idea is to make those garages be the stopping points, especially with the connection of Athena. Majority of the traffic is stopping at the garages. Also, ECEC parents tend to drive quickly before getting penalized. ECEC has learned not to take the loop anymore.
- Mark stated some things are simply operational. Weekends are less busy. He also mentioned there are parking spaces that wouldn't be accessible in Nuevo West.
- Sophia expressed how she dislikes how things are not connected. She feels she would like to bring it to the constituents.

Open Discussion:

- Mark mentioned options 1 and 4 are both possibilities.
- Cory asked how high you have to get the bridge to get over.
 - Juli: 13 feet, but there are also ADA restrictions
 - Presenters explained the issues with the elevation was they needed to make it accessible to ADA and the grade change was an issue
- Mayra asked if not having the bridge was an option? She stated she likes the viewing of the market.
 - Presenter: responded options 1 and 4 don't have a bridge
- Sophia asked if lights can be added to help with the crossing similar to the light added to get to the medical school
 - Presenters responded they are open to suggestions
 - Mark stated lights can be added and other methods, they just need some sort of direction.
- Cory expressed his dislike with the Warren crossing
 - Juli stated it had some similarities to Warren, but there are major differences
- Cory stated friends and family have mentioned their frustration of having limited access on campus so closing Miramar might bring some issues.
 - Presenter stated it's between convenience for drivers and safety for bikers and pedestrians. The survey suggested 80% would use the bridge. The car convenience is less important than safety of people.
- Bob explained Warren is a path were people are going from point A to point B. He also stated as people peel off to the garages the back route will not be as affected and we will not see a high volume of traffic. He thinks the traffic patterns will be different.
 - Cory disagrees as there will be people passing from South to North.
 - Presenter explained the difference from Warren. She explained in Warren bikes are going down, versus here the bikes are coming up and forces to slow down and have full view.
- Dan asked how likely is it to commit to #4 if they decided to start with # 1.
 - Presenter explained number 4 would need to start and later can be adjusted. It's more flexible to adjust it to 1, or else it might not happen later as housing would need to come up with the money to readjust it as a separate project.
- Cory explained people would accept it, but it might not be their first choice. He suggested creating it with the road opened, but the possibility of closing the road off.
- Cory asked for some clarification on heights and widths to get a full concept.
- Cory feels as option #1 is the only viable decision
- Daniel feels option 1 and 4 are options that can work
- Sophia mentioned giving time so constituents can voice themselves
 - Daniel explained to Sophia that options 1 and 4 are options they would like more information on before going to constituents.
 - Mark stated they can provide more information on 1 & 4 and then they can talk to their constituents.

- Dan asked about the possibility of making the bridge not ADA compliant since there is another ADA path
 - Presenter stated most people will not go upstairs and back downstairs and would rather cross around the street and jaywalk.
 - Presenter stated creating a bridge that's elevated not only blocks the view to Market, but also creates blind spots.
 - Mark stated he will bring more information on 1 and 4.

Meeting adjourned around 2:38 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 7/25/2017 from 10-12 PM at Price Center, Sixth College Room.