

Planning + Landscape Architecture

**Green Team #3 – Meeting Minutes** Meeting Date: April 24, 2013

**Meeting Location: City Heights Library** 

## Attendees:

Patty Vaccariello - CHAPC Linda Pennington – SD Canyonlands Beryl Forman – The Boulevard Jim Varnadore - Resident Miriam Rodriguez-Owen - Resident Bryan Voeltner – Educator at Hoover High Rudy Vargas – Rep from Marti Emerald's office Randy Van Vleck – CHCDC Cindi Fargo - CHCDC

**Project Team** Michael Prinz Jenny An Mike Singleton Josef Gutierrez

## **Summary of Workshop Presentation:**

Green Team Meeting #4 started at about 6:05 PM.

## Introduction:

- Jenny began by reviewing the agenda and highlighted the two discussion topics for the evening as the candidate corridors and the 10 pilot projects.
- Jenny reviewed the Sustainable Streets map on slide 2 to identify the five different street types. The five types are: Main Street of Commerce, Commercial Corridor, Active Transportation Street, Community Connector, and Neighborhood Street.
- Main Street of Commerce includes University between Wabash and characteristics include pedestrian prioritized streets with optimized parking and multi-modal connectivity (Slide 4-5).
- Commercial Corridors include El Cajon Blvd and University east of Fairmount characteristics include pedestrian prioritized streets with maximized sidewalk space and multi-modal connectivity (Slide 6-7).
- Active Transportation Streets include Polk, Fairmount, and 54<sup>th</sup> characteristics include transit and/or bike and pedestrian connectivity with focus on safe flow through the street environment (Slide 8-9).
- Community Connectors include north to south oriented streets between El Cajon Blvd and University characteristics include pedestrian and bicycle prioritized streets (Slide 10).
- In addition to the sustainable streets, there are also opportunities for each of the neighborhood streets. The Team looked at each street in City Heights to identify where the streets are excessively wide. In City

Heights, there are 40', 48', 56', 64' and 72' right of way widths. Slides 11 to 23 highlight where each occurs and the recommended solutions for the neighborhood street types when appropriate

At this point, the information slides paused for discussion. There were a couple questions regarding bicycle use and sidewalk changes in the neighborhood streets. However, the Green Team had limited questions and seemed to affirm the decisions. The next part of the slides for the discussion included the pilot projects. There are ten pilot projects that identify specific, tangible improvements that could be made if budget was available. Slide 24 shows all the projects together

- Slide 25-34 show areas where signage could be a possibility
- Pilot Project 1: 52<sup>nd</sup> St with a mid block crossing at El Cajon Blvd, planted medians, and storm water modifications
- Pilot Project 2: Chamoune Ave & El Cajon Blvd
- Pilot Project 3: Euclid & University
- Pilot Project 4 Public Space at 43<sup>rd</sup> & Thorne
- Pilot Project 5 43<sup>rd</sup> to Thorne connecting down to Fairmount
- Pilot Project 6: Olive between Fairmount and Menlo
- Pilot Project 7: Fairmount between Laurel and Home
- Pilot Project 8: 43<sup>rd</sup> as one way street
- Pilot Project 9: Fairmount as a one way street
- Pilot Project 10: University Ave as a Mercado District

Discussion was brought up regarding the design of the pilot projects. Beryl Foreman from The Boulevard made a comment that more focus should be made to specific bike implementations. Jim Varnadore from the City Heights Planning Committee/resident wrote an email after the Meeting discussing the possibility of Orange Ave as a east west connector.

The team is looking into these comments and looking for further refinements to the pilot projects.

## **Action Items:**

Action 1: KTU+A will distribute meeting minutes via email and CSD website

Action 2: The next meeting will be on Jan 6th at the Planning Committee to discuss the street tree master plan