



El Presidio Historic Zone Advisory Board
Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes/Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members present: Susan Aiken, Ilya Sloan (Recused 8:04 PM), Alex Oberlick, Anita Rankin (Arrived at 6:56 PM), Drew Cook (Recused 8:03 PM), Christopher Domin, Juhee Evans, and Halley Freitas. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Guests present: Amy Hartman-Gordon, Chris Stebe, Stephan Addison, Jannie Cox, Guy Dobbins, Larry Lucero, and Greg Clark.

Staff present: Jodie Brown (PDSD)

2. Approval of LAR/Minutes – August 28, 2023

7-0.

3. Call to the Audience

None.

4. Board Nomination—Juhee Evans

Sloan indicated that it is challenging not to have paper plans for cases that are complex.

Voice vote of 7-0 in favor of virtual meetings.

5. Reviews

- b. TD-DEV-1123-00455, 200 N Court Avenue; TD-DEV-1123-00460, 101 N Stone Avenue; TD-DEV-1123-00461, 177 N Church Avenue; TD-DEV-1123-00462, 166 W Alameda; TD-DEV-1123-00463, 310 W. Alameda; TD-DEV-113-00464. 325 N Church Avenue

This application is for the Rio Nuevo Activate El Presidio project.

Addresses/parcels listed are adjacent to project sites. The project uses low impact activation principals and the Tucson Shared Spaces Manual for the design. There are nine areas within the El Presidio neighborhood that are included in this project.

Full Review/Contributing Resource

The project was presented by Chris Stebe.

The board members had several questions and comments.

- What is the role of the advisory board?
 - Compatibility,
- Questions about the color of the benches, planters.
 - Terra cotta planters.
 - Benches are backless and backed.
- Will they be colored?
 - DTM has requirements (Fiberglass)
 - Benches are black.
- Helpful to see elevations.
 - Plan to see what items look for with buildings.
- Bench seems attenuated.
 - Plastic contains don't last.
- What as the light pole?
 - Custom light pole it would be a sleeve over parking meters.
- No fixture of pole?
 - No, holding up string lighting.
- How to get power to poles?
 - Pull it from another building or....
- Irrigation on planters?
 - Downtown partnership or adjacent properties.
- Logic of hierarchy of design.
 - Stemmed from outreach and Rio Nuevo Committee looked at what they wanted to achieve their goals to highlight around the commercial core. They contracted the project for public spaces to look at activation. Then Norris built on that.
- Continuity between 1-10 spaces.
 - Tried to use the material with a sense of continuity.
Logic of hierarchy of design.
- Can you provide elevations?
 - Tried to create within a certain budget.
- How did you arrive at tree wrapping?
 - There are existing lights in the neighborhood. Three wrapping in only one location at the museum walk-through. Consistent with downtown partnership. Otherwise, only spring lighting.
- At year three, there would be an elevation.
 - This is very important aspect. It is continued participation. Opp. To learn from the process.
- At the corners where the treatments will be repeated, that painted extension will be bollards and their colors and large planters, which was residential larger planter change streetscape. More concerned about bollard. Plastic planters not appropriate. Perhaps a cement planter. Concerned about colors and astroturf-built items on Washington.
- What are built-in seating?

- Modular idea with decks built to curb height with shade sail, seating is flexible which will be pulled in at night and fixed table.
- Color of shade structure?
 - TBD. Possibly tan or yellow.
- Reducing number of planters.
 - Maintenance and upkeep brought up previously and cost.
- Number of bollards reason.
 - Eetermined by Ash To Standards.
- Why bollards at the sidewalk?
 - Shrinks road for pedestrians, traffic, and calming.
- Possibly do contour of road.
- Ever considered for tree to be permanent?

Drew and Susan made a motion to recommend continuation of project with several conditions for additional information that included:

- Regular maintenance 3 year;
- Evaluation of project;
- Consider other materials for planter;
- Maintenance of plantings: Scheduled examination of plantings and replacements as necessary; and
- Add one tree is possible.

The motion was seconded by Aiken and recommended for approve with a vote of 8-0.

**This item was heard out of order.*

a. SD-1023-00013, 261-267 N Main Ave

Reconstruct front porch.
Full Review/Contributing Resource
Estimated time: 45 minutes.

The project was presented by Corky.

The board members had a comment about the project.

- Support moving eave in.
- How long will the ledger be more robust?
 - Through wall supports like a sandwich with a ledger on the outside and interior plate will be visible on the interior.
- Glad to see reuse of columns
 - Tricky demo. Work, will need to be protected.

A motion was made by Domin to approve the project as presented. The motion was seconded by Rankin and recommended for approval with a vote by 6-0.

5. Staff Updates—Information Only

None.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.