

SPAN BOARD MEETING

JAN 23, 2020

Next Board meeting will be Feb. 20th. We will likely go to an “every other month” meeting schedule for 2020 due to the many committee meetings and public hearings that board members attend.

I. REVIEW OF CURRENT PROJECTS

The Board reviewed the status of following on-going projects

1. Symphony Park reuse study
 - Loop committee members met with consultant hired by city to evaluate Symphony Park programming and discussed ways to increase utilization
 - Study will be completed in April
2. Back Lot Trail (Segment from Park Rd. to Park Dr. S)
 - Board reviewed the project in light and new price tag of \$3.1M.
 - Board voted to request that the city make revisions to design to reduce cost. If costs continue to exceed \$2M, then the board would like to see project delayed and funding reallocated to the Loop.
3. Sharon Road Safety Improvement
 - At SPAN request, CDOT is reviewing the possibility of adding a new traffic signal on Sharon Rd.
 - The city has approved 2 pedestrian beacon signals for Sharon but projects need funding.
 - Committee is meeting in Feb. to finalize other measures that can be taken to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety.
4. Colony Rd Construction
 - At SPAN’s request, the developer has agreed to accelerate the timeframe for making improvements to culverts on Colony Road. These improvements were agreed to as part of the rezoning and include pedestrian crosswalks and landscaping improvements.
 - The developer also has agreed to sign a memo of agreement outlining construction related practices that will protect adjacent neighbors.
 - The Developer is working on median improvements with Apex on Sharon Rd.
5. City Comprehensive Plan Update
 - SPAN Board members McGregor and Campbell were appointed to the city 2040 Strategic Advisory Board.
6. Marriott Artwork
 - At SPAN request, City staff are looking into why the hotel was issued a CO without completing the parklet and art installation outlined on the site plan.

II. REVIEW OF NEW PROJECTS

The Board reviewed the following new projects:

1. Dominion Realty Rezoning
 - The board reviewed this rezoning request for a large residential tower to be built at the site of the former 5th3d Bank building on Fairview.
 - The committee has met with the petitioner and requested that they submit additional information and drawing that would help us better understand this project.
2. Coltsgate Office building
 - The Petitioner is requesting a rezoning of the current ReMax office building on Coltsgate. The building would be torn down and a new 6-story office building (with 8,500 sq. ft of retail) and 5 story parking garage built on a .12-acre site.
 - A community meeting is scheduled for Thursday Jan. 30th at 5:30 at their office
 - The committee has not met with Petitioner and has several questions about this project
3. Relocation to Nature Museum - Park Rd
 - The board discussed the opportunity of relocating the museum to Park Rd due to neighbor unrest at the current location
 - The Board voted to endorse this relocation opportunity recognizing that the Freedom Park site has greater outdoor amenities that complement this facility.
 - The board requested that the Chair send a letter to the County asking that they consider improvements to Park Rd that would enhance usage and attractiveness.
4. Fairview Connector Road
 - SPAN Board members met with CDOT staff to review plans for a new connector road from Sharon Rd to Park Dr. S that would run behind Fairview.
 - The new road would be helpful with the new development planned near the Sharon/Fairview intersection.
 - Councilman Bokhari is going to follow up on funding opportunities.
5. Fairview Traffic Light
 - CDOT would like SPAN to facilitate discussion with Fairview Rd neighbors about a new signal light at Fairview and Valencia.
 - SPAN is meeting with Gov. Square and Foxcroft East to discuss residents' possible concerns before moving forward.

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