

## MINUTES

### Park, Arts and Culture Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 2012  
5:45-7:00 p.m. Room 12, City Hall

#### Participants

Committee Members: Councilor Bryan Aubin, Ward 4 (BA)  
Councilor Vince Brennan, Ward 3 (VB)

Staff: Jen Francis, Parks Planner, Parks & Recreation (JF)  
Jesse Bridges, Director, Parks & Recreation (JB)  
Kirsten Merriman Shapiro, Special Projects, CEDO (KMS)  
Peter Owens, Director, CEDO (PO)

Others: None

#### 1) Approval of agenda & 10/22/12 draft minutes

- Meeting came to order at 5:50 (Brennan/Aubin second)
- Agenda approved with amendment of moving PFP item after Public Forum (Brennan/Aubin second)
- Minutes approved as written (Brennan/Aubin second)

#### 2) Public Forum

- No members of the public were present

#### 3) FY13 PFP Implementation Plan Update (Francis)

- Seven projects completed to date
- Five projects completed/expenditures to date: \$110,940
- Leddy softball field update: Phase 1 perimeter drainage work nearing completion; field playable for early spring; Phase 2 encompasses additional field improvements and will begin after the girls softball season has been completed
- Boathouse update: RFQ process complete; work anticipated to begin in January and be completed for spring opening

#### 4) Moran Project Update (Owens, Shapiro)

- Artspace event held in October with public and focus groups
  - Final report expected to be delivered in next couple weeks
  - Findings: we have an incredible local, creative community; matching needs with opportunities

- Ideas: context matters; economic vitality; public/private partnership is necessary; connectivity; iconic creative culture; carpe diem (pop-up development)
- VB: Expressed concern with safety of exposed soils, especially in consideration of pop-up events... if pop-up events are being considered and the goal is to bring people down to the waterfront, can opening up road access to the dog park be considered?
- BA: It seems the goal is to generate enthusiasm for Moran... to change the perception of the site
- VB: The existing road sign says “DO NOT ENTER”... needs to be more welcome – or maybe the area either needs to be open or not open.
- VB: What are the possibilities of trying to capitalize on some of the Plan BTV initiatives in consideration of the TIF funding (like the proposed market building)?
  - May be part of a larger waterfront plan, but there are currently a lot of existing facilities in need of improvement, renovation, or replacement

#### **5) Waterfront North Redevelopment Project Update (Owens, Shapiro)**

- Anticipated moving forward in upcoming construction season
- Reviewing bonding package & preparing bid sets
- Competitive bid process in spring
- VB: Question of access of bike path an Skatepark during construction
- KMS: Access to recreational facilities must be maintained throughout duration of construction because of state/federal requirements.
- VB: Blue lights?
  - KMS: One change to plan is to widen the bike path paving from 10’ to 11’. The blue lights need further discussion.
  - JF: Revisit discussion re: blue lights done by the Bike Path Task Force and referenced in the Bike Path Feasibility Study
  - VB: Blue light act as a visual deterrent...
  - Jesse will reach out to the Police Department for further discussion

#### **6) Confirmation of next meeting date**

- Tuesday, December 18, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. (CEDO first on agenda)

#### **7) Other items**

- None

#### **8) Adjournment**

- Adjourned at 6:53 p.m. (Brennan/Aubin second)