



**BRADDOCK METRO NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #8
City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning**

May 30, 2013

Braddock Implementation Advisory Group Business Meeting, 6:30PM - 7:00PM
Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting notes are recorded by City Staff to provide a written record of principal items of discussion, key comments, decisions of the Advisory Group, and comments from the public. They are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the meeting.

Braddock Implementation Advisory Group Attendees

Sarah Becker, Neighborhood-at-large
Bill Campbell, Neighborhood-at-large
Heidi Ford, West Old Town Civic Association
Heath Wells, West Old Town Civic Association
Salena Zellers Schimdkte, Braddock Lofts
Michelle Saylor, Braddock Lofts
Leslie Zupan, West Old Town Civic Association
Glenn Hopkins, Non Profit
Eddy Cettina, Area Developer
Beth Barrett, Architect, Historic Preservation
Marianne Anderson, NE Citizens Association
Bill Cromley, Area Developer

City and Agency Staff Attendees

Tom Canfield, Department of Planning and Zoning
Nathan Imm, Department of Planning and Zoning
Laura Durham, Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities
Faroll Hamer, Department of Planning and Zoning
Karl Moritz, Department of Planning and Zoning
Steve Sindiong, Transportation & Environmental Services

Welcome and Braddock IAG Vacancy

Karl Moritz, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Zoning welcomed meeting attendees. Mr. Moritz discussed the recent resignation of Neighborhood at-large member Herb Cooper-Levy, noting that nominations for the open position are requested.

Advisory Group structure – Chair position

Mr. Moritz began the discussion that several IAG members had requested re-opening discussions regarding the establishment of a Chair position to lead the IAG. Ms. Zellers

Schmidtke spoke in support of the establishment of a Chair, noting the need for organizational leadership to move the agenda forward. Ms. Ford and Ms. Zupan discussed the benefit of a less hierarchical system for open discussion, and preferred a reliance on City Staff for organization. Concerns were raised that a Chair would limit beneficial discussions. After further discussion from Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hopkins, and Ms. Saylor, a motion was proposed by Ms. Zellers Schmidtke to establish a structure led by two Co-Facilitators, who would be charged with setting the agendas in coordination with staff, and helping to operate the meetings. The motion was seconded and passed with 6 votes for, 4 against. The next IAG meeting will be noticed, with nominations accepted for the Co-Facilitator positions, and voting on the candidates will occur.

Updates – Automotive Service Garage and USPS

Mr. Moritz provided a brief update on the status of coordination with the Automotive Service Garage (ASG) and USPS. City Staff is working with Mr. Whitestone (ASG) on amending the SUP to allow for two-level car lifts on his site, and is working to identify temporary and permanent parking opportunities off-site. Please refer also to the statement provided in the information package to the IAG. In regard to the USPS, Mr. Moritz stated that he continues to coordinate with CBRE, the real property agents for the USPS. Ms. Zupan suggested that greater pressure may be needed to spur activity with the USPS, and suggested contacting Congressman Moran. Mr. Moritz discussed that he has a call scheduled for the month of June, and will bring these results to the next IAG meeting, at which point any additional efforts for outreach may be discussed.

Park Planning Exercise

The public meeting section was discussed within the IAG, with concerns noted regarding the purpose for the meeting – specifically whether it would be to finalize the principles for the long-term park or the interim park. After discussion, it was determined that the focus should be on the principles for the long-term park, as the IAG was concerned that the program for the interim park not exceed its budget.

Next Steps

- Future meeting of the IAG will include a discussion of retail in regard to the configuration of the potential building and park
- City Staff will continue outreach regarding parking for ASG and progress of USPS considerations