

**PLACE Design Task Force Minutes**  
**December 8, 2016 - 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room**

Members Present:

Vice Chairman Fred Wolf, Scott Paisley, Paul Josey, BAR liaison, Rachel Lloyd, Andres Pacheco, Kate Bennis, Kathy Galvin, Gennie Keller, Andrew Mondschein, Chris Henry

Staff Present: Carrie Rainey, Tony Edwards, Carolyn McCray (Clerk)

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Wolf called the PLACE Design Task Force Meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Agenda

1. Committee Updates

Ms. Lloyd gave a brief update report on the Blue Commission. She said we will look not only at Confederate monuments like Lee and Stonewall Jackson, but will also consider options to tell the “full story of Charlottesville’s history of race relations and for changing the city’s narrative through our public spaces,” according to the resolution. That could include augmenting the slave auction block at Court Square, rehabbing the Daughters of Zion cemetery and revisiting Vinegar Hill through the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center. Rachel said that their recommendations are not universally popular. She said it was a lot about age instead of race. Some of the older people lived through the segregation. The neighborhood was more on the forefront of the older people. With the younger people, she didn’t notice that feeling as much. Some of the kids lived in the county, and were not as familiar of the good dynamics. It is very interesting. She talked to a high school history teacher who taught AP History and all the students are for moving the monuments. We pointed out to the students are we living in segregation if we were going to mix up with the city school and all of the kids said no.

2. Annual Report Discussion - West Main Street Statement

Vice Chairman Wolf said PLACE identified the need for a comprehensive streetscape design for the West Main Street corridor in the fall of 2013. The corridor is a complex collection of utilities, vehicular traffic, bike and pedestrian concerns, landscape, parking, business storefronts and historic structures bordering the Fifeville and Star Hill neighborhoods. As a result of PLACE, West Main Street went through a robust and inclusive design process starting in March of 2014 with a West Main Steering Committee that met on seven occasions over two years through early 2016. The Committee included several PLACE representatives

as well as West Main Street neighbors, business owners and other key stakeholders. In addition, PLACE reviewed the consultant's design progress and provided integral feedback at several benchmarks throughout the process. It spurred an independent Pilot Project Proposal (drafted by members Rachel Lloyd and Scott Paisley) with the intention of testing the design recommendations made as part of the West Main Streetscape via temporary installations or changes to bike lanes, road stripping, parking management to gauge their effectiveness. Engagement and participation of stakeholders in community meetings also led them to draft memos expressing both concern and support of the project. In the end, a preferred concept was identified and approved by City Council in March 2016 that is now undergoing schematic design and more detailed development by the city's urban design consultant, Rhodeside & Harwell. The selected scheme not only successfully addressed utility upgrades, street trees and landscape, on-street parking revisions (with an understanding we need a comprehensive parking management strategy by the city) and improved access for bicycle and pedestrians as well as vehicular traffic, but it represents a well-balanced design solution that through creativity and some compromise, addresses equitably of all of the various requirements and concerns expressed by the diverse stakeholder groups involved.

### 3. By-Laws Update Discussion

PLACE discussed the ex-officio status of PLACE members who are representatives for other boards and commissions. The general consensus was that all members except for the City Council and the Planning Commission representatives should be considered full voting members.

PLACE also discussed the definition for a quorum. The general consensus was that a simple majority should be considered an adequate quorum, and the presence of a certain minimum of officers was not necessary.

Adjourn 2:00 p.m.