

**PLACE Design Task Force Minutes**  
**June 8, 2017, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room**

Members Present

Chairman Mike Stoneking, Vice Chairman Fred Wolf, Scott Paisley, Gennie Keller, Chris Henry, Andrew Mondschein, Andres Pacheco, Kate Bennis, Tim Mohr, Councilor Kathy Galvin

Staff Present: Carrie Rainey, Alex Ikefuna, Carolyn McCray (Clerk)

Call to Order

Chairman Mike Stoneking called the PLACE Design Task Force Meeting to order at 12:10pm.

Agenda

1. SIA Update Presentation by Councilor Kathy Galvin
  - Comprehensive Plan: Why the SIA?
  - Comprehensive Plan: Vision for the SIA
  - Comprehensive Plan: SIA Impacts to Date
    - NDS staff applied for and got State VDOT funds through a competitive selection process known as “Smartscale” to improve the intersection of Avon & Lexington Streets. Staff is now applying for “Smartscale” funding to improve the pedestrian infrastructure at the intersection of Monticello Avenue and Ridge Street. Both intersections were identified as public safety hazards by the SIA Plan (and later the Streets that Work (STW) Plan.)
  - Infrastructure improvements throughout the SIA could be funded via redevelopment, via a tax increment financing (TIF) district as recommended by the SIA Plan.
  - City staff along with the Bridge PAI., secured a NEA grant for creative community engagement in 2014, largely due to the demonstrated local commitment and detailed information provided by the SIA Plan. After securing a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant last summer, again, in part due to the demonstrated local Commitment provided by the SIA Plan, the Neighborhood Family Health Center (NFHC) opened on Preston Avenue in late 2015 to provide quality health care for low income residents. The NFHC ultimately would like to be located within the SIA.

- The SIA Plan receives an annual allotment of capital funds, some of which were assigned to the planning, design and restoration of the Daughters of Zion Cemetery.
- A form based code would likely affect the design and appearance of these homes. For example, the SIA Plan says more roads are needed, so the current plan for Friendship Court has two roads cutting through the neighborhood, but 2 out of every 3 residents surveyed want sidewalks, not roads.
- The size and location of streets, sidewalks, and parks, and overall massing, height and scale of buildings must align with the Comprehensive Plan's goals to promote healthy, active living, public safety and access to jobs and shopping.
- The SIA Plan does that. Residents will have many opportunities to influence all of the above, throughout the drafting and implementation of the Form Based Code (FBC.) This process has already begun at Friendship Court and will continue throughout the architectural design phase with their architect, Grimm & Parker.
- Small 2-3 acre blocks (like the Downtown Mall), provide businesses (like resident start-ups) more street frontage and people with more, low -speed, narrow streets on which to bike, cycle and walk. Breaking up 12 acre superblocks (like Friendship Court) optimizes connectivity, access, visibility and visitability.

## 2. Streets that Work Project Update

Councilor Galvin and Mr. Ikefuna left for another meeting at 1:30 pm.

There was discussion regarding the Streets that Work plan. It was discussed that there were still be challenges with street design and retrofit in implementation. It was said that the City has a responsibility to permit street design and to maintain the streets within the city limits. Many intersections have been identified based on safety needs and would benefit from improvements based on the Street that Work to help with safety and convenient travel. PLACE members felt like there was still a lot of work to be done.

## 3. Other Business

Kurt Keesecker, Chairman of the Planning Commission, is coming to the July PLACE meeting to talk about the Community Engagement Process for the Comprehensive Plan.

Adjourn: 2:00 p.m.