

N. Delridge Action Plan: Advisory Core Team Meeting Notes

Monday December 15, 2014, 6-7:30pm @ Youngstown

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Parie Hines, Lynda Bui, David Bestock, Amanda Kirk, Amanda Leonard, Dorsal Plants, Michael Taylor-Judd, Willard Brown, Carol Williams

Absent: Nicolas Ames, Ivan Cruz, Ranette Iding, Kim Justice

Staff/Guests: David Goldberg, Jake Hellenkamp, Kerry Wade, Sara Zora, Aileen Balahadia

Intro/Welcome

David welcomed everyone to the first official meeting of the N. Delridge ACT. He asked participants around the room to share what they are thankful for during this season.

David will facilitate tonight's meeting but hopes that future meetings will feature rotating facilitators. The meeting will be 90 minutes long tonight, but can be adjusted if the group wants to shorten/lengthen.

SDOT Multimodal Streets Program/Delridge

Sara Zora from SDOT introduced herself and the Multi-modal Street program focused on walking, biking, transit, car and freight on Delridge Way. She is managing 5 of the 10 corridors for the project, including Delridge. For the next 6-8 months into 2015, SDOT will engage in a process that will lead to a 3-5% design of a preferred vision for Delridge Way improvements. (data analysis/review of previous plans, conceptual design, community engagement, and alternative design analysis). She hopes to utilize the N. Delridge ACT to provide feedback along the way. Community engagement will also occur amongst other Delridge groups and at least 1 larger Open House and needs to be coordinated. After all the designs are finished, there will be a prioritization process at the City to determine which plans go to capital/construction.

Questions from the group:

- Michael: Is Bridging the Gap levy funding this? A variety of fund sources will have to be used to get to capital/construction, including the possible renewal of the Levy part 2, and state or federal funds.
- Amanda L/Parie: There was a study from the UW geography department (Professor Sarah Elwood?) that evaluated Delridge demographics and conditions. Sara, David will look for this.
- Michael: District council in support of a new Levy for longer term improvements. But the group is also interested in low hanging fruit, shorter term improvements, especially in lieu of the recent pedestrian death on Delridge and Brandon on Nov. 21.

See handouts in your packet for more information.

David was interested in the format of this type of introductory presentation, as it'll likely be the way we introduce other City projects occurring during our ACT process. Most agreed it was good, succinct information. Handouts were also good.

Data Review and Phase I Community Input/Feedback Received

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David emailed several data documents for the group to review. His approach to planning is to talk and interface with community first to understand strengths and needs and then to turn to the data to develop the plans.

Data includes the Delridge Healthy Living Assessment (see handouts) which has a list of data points and indicators they city has access to and can track. These indicators directly correlate with the healthy living outcomes of strong community organization, healthy people and supportive physical environment. He also emailed King County data and several pages of Delridge demographic data. (see handouts)

David next referenced documents gathered as part of the “phase 1” community input collected thus far, including POEL focus group interviews, Delridge Days and Gathering of Neighbors. David summarized 3 main points from this input:

1. Strong interests in programs meeting needs of diverse ethnic groups (Parks/Rec, programming)
2. Strong interest in transportation and connections
3. Strong interest in creating destination points in Delridge/gathering places and economic development

Willard wondered how to begin talking about funding all of these community needs/interests. David commented this could occur in variety of ways such as, tying into existing city funded projects or initiatives and defining them up front, seeking grants (such as Neighborhood Matching Funds, Neighborhood Park and Street Funds, Seattle Foundation), partnering etc.

David explained the goal of this group is to provide both our voice and opinion as well as to talk with others and bring multiple voices to the table. POELs, district councils and other groups will be important as well. This group is unique however in its ability to devise a longer term strategy and vision for Delridge. Opportunities to partner with other groups should always be considered if projects are more near term or opportunistic. For example, Kerry brought up the application process for a neighborhood parks fund due in Feb 2015.

TO DO (ACT): Review the data from both sources and make notes, ask questions and record remarks of what’s missing or what resonates well.

2014-2015 working draft Work Plan

Aileen reviewed the draft Work Plan for the ACT with the group. This combined work plan for staff and community lays out our working vision and 2 part Goals for our work ahead. (See document)

- 1) Participate in a planning process with the city of Seattle culminating in an action plan that is a shared work plan for the community and City that responds to community priorities.
- 2) Work effectively in a diverse, community-driven coalition of Delridge leaders and stakeholders now and possibly into the future towards Plan implementation.

From there she reviewed the key strategies and activities/general timelines to reach these 2 goals. This remains a working work plan that will be updated regularly.

David asked if there is anything that seems to be missing from this work plan at first look.

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- Michael mentioned that OED should be a city department we debrief with given the community interest in economic development and business nodes on Delridge. DPD should also be consulting with regarding zoning as it relates to growth and transportation improvements.
- Amanda L gave an example of the desire to know what big development projects are in queue in Delridge and the status of the larger mixed use projects.
- Dorsal noted that public safety is not referenced in the document even though it is a big community issue.
- David noted that programming for youth doesn't just involve Parks but also community and not profit programming.

TO DO (ACT): Please review the work plan and share comments and suggested edits.

TO DO (Staff): Update work plan

Overall Reflections on this meeting and the presentation of information

- Parie: Appreciates time to synthesize data and receive/process it in a way that can be helpful to the group- especially since there was so much data shared.
- Michael: Perhaps small group/break out groups within the larger meeting will help us "work" in real time while letting people focus on their interest areas
- Lynda: Appreciated having the information beforehand but it felt a bit like homework- and became shy at the meeting because she felt less experienced than others at the table.
- Amanda K: Suggests having written physical documents in addition to electronic documents, perhaps distributed early enough (1 month before) to have time to prepare
- Carol: First meeting and feeling super overwhelmed. When she doesn't have time to process she easily shuts down. Also people have different learning styles and she would appreciate more visual aids.
- Parie: Also appreciates visual aids and suggests some pictures/case study examples of best practices (in Delridge or not) to help stimulate vision for the group. David suggested this could possibly occur at the next meeting.
- David: Likes the idea of connecting in between monthly meetings. Perhaps using Aileen's help to connect informally or casually as well as to prepare for upcoming meetings.
- Carol: Will share a link for Aileen to review for possible bringing together of people/ideas in a coordinated fashion.
- Amanda L: Likes digital copies of documents

Upcoming January 26 Meeting

We will continue to meet every 3rd Monday. However January falls on MLK day, so we will meet on Jan 26th instead (4th Monday) from 6-730pm. Please arrive on time. To consider time for mingling and chatting, we will try to build in a break in the middle of the meeting, but keep to the 90 minute timeframe.

We will want to begin collecting information from ACT members about projects/interests they are currently working on, possibly to bring to the January meeting.

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TO DO (Staff): Talk with ACT re: ongoing projects/priorities

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. Minutes submitted by Aileen Balahadia.