

**Meeting Notes**  
**Regional Center Urban Design Oversight Committee**  
**Critical Connectors Subcommittee Meeting**  
**CAP/IC**  
**September 1, 2005**  
**12:00 PM**

**Subcommittee Attendance:** Jenelle Collins, Gus Miller, Lori Miser, Meg Storrow, Gina Tirinnanzi, and Rachel Uthe

**Staff Attendance:** Dave DiMarzio, Amy Inman, and Bob Wilch

**Planning Process Administration**

Jenelle Collins of Storrow Kinsella Associates, Inc. provided a (previously reviewed and revised) organizational chart of the Design Guidelines Planning Process which detailed the relationships among the various stakeholders, staff, and consultant organizations involved in the MPO sponsored Pedestrian Plan and the DMD sponsored Regional Center Plan. Meg Storrow of Storrow Kinsella Associates, Inc. added to the discussion by describing a (proposed) two phased approach that will focus on defining districts and corridors in the Regional Center. A schedule of the planning process for the multi-modal and public space design guidelines was provided and reviewed.

**Design Guidelines Approach**

A copy of the vision statement adopted as part of the Regional Center 2020 Plan was distributed and discussed:

*As the vibrant hub of central Indiana, Downtown Indianapolis is recognized as the heart of a world-class city and an exciting place to live, work, play, visit, and raise a family. Downtown Indianapolis provides unparalleled business, entertainment, education, medical, and residential opportunities in an attractive, clean, safe, friendly, and exciting environment.*

This broad vision provides the basis for the Statement of Purpose and the principles to be developed and employed in the guidelines.

**Design Guidelines Purpose Statement**

A draft statement outlining the purpose of the guidelines was provided:

*To provide a basis for understanding, discussing, and assessing the design quality of construction projects located within the Regional Center boundaries. Through the use of these guidelines, it is anticipated that both private and public projects will endeavor to preserve and enhance the form, scale, character, and street-level use that make Downtown unique within the city and region.*

There was considerable discussion about the draft purpose statement. Committee members want to incorporate the notion that we want to “create places where people want to be”. It was agreed that these concepts would likely be addressed in the design principles to be developed/refined.

### **Design Guideline Examples**

Examples of design guidelines utilized in three other communities were reviewed.

- Portland: fundamental
- Boulder: good illustrations and rationale
- Austin: organization and clarity

A *Prototype Format* that builds on the best aspects of these three communities was well received by the group. The format is performance oriented, but not prescriptive of how to accomplish a particular outcome.

### **Next Steps**

- Finalize purpose statement
- Review design principles
- Introduce corridor definitions

### **Next Meetings**

- October 6, 2005
- November 3, 2005
- December 1, 2005
- February 23, 2006 (tentative)

All meetings to be held at 11:30AM at the CAP/IC.