

Gateways Committee Chair Meeting Notes
Room 2001
City-County Building
September 28, 2004
5:30 PM

A. Introduction

Carolyn Coleman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and led the group in personal introductions.

B. Committee Update Reports

Carole Darst introduced each of the committee chairs that were present. The following reported on their progress in identifying potential gateway locations:

Northwest – William Plater

The Committee has identified 3 general locations – Cold Springs Road Corridor, Michigan Road Corridor and Washington Street Corridor. Each of the corridors has several elements which taken together would represent a strong gateway opportunity. They are also considering the Lafayette Square area as a possible fourth location. There was a concern that the fourth location may not be as far along as others and might be best considered later. The Committee is assessing opportunities for project location “ownership” and developing information for “storyboards” to be developed for selected locations.

There was a general discussion about the need to be consistent in developing storyboards for public review. It was pointed out that a portion of the Rotary’s funding could be used for this task and that the Rotary liaisons will take a lead role in preparing the storyboards.

Regional Center – Tamara Zahn

The Committee has been expanded to bring in the BOS and Riley areas. They will also contact Near North Development Corporation for a possible representative. Thusfar, the Committee has identified approximately 12 potential locations addressing three different levels: interstate, artery, pedestrian. The completed identification forms for the locations are being posted to the Gateways website as completed for review and use by the Committee. Dean Plater and Tamara shared their common interest in West Washington Street and their desire to coordinate their efforts in that area. There was a general discussion regarding Monument Circle and the need to address existing gateways as well as consider new ones. It was decided to maintain the Circle on the list of gateway locations.

Southeast – Harry McFarland

The Committee has identified 5 interstate sites and is beginning to prioritize them. The Committee is considering whether there are opportunities for other partners in the neighborhood and community. They are also trying to determine if other projects are planned or programmed for these locations. Some possible locations include a tie in with the Old National Road on Washington Street and an international corridor on south Meridian Street among others.

Northeast – Carole Darst

Carole Darst reported for Cindy Porteous who could not be at the meeting. The Committee is still in the process of identifying sites. Under consideration are: Meridian Street and Fall Creek Bridge, 10th and Sherman overpass, I-70 and Keystone-Rural, Ritter and Washington in the Irvington Community, Pleasant Run bridge at Washington Street, and 56th and Post Road at Fort Harrison.

Southwest – Carolyn Coleman

Carolyn Coleman reported for Sherry Siewert who could not be at the meeting. The Committee added three new members. Sites under consideration are the rail overpass at west Washington Street, SR 67 at Countyline Road and a possible third site at I-70.

C. Discussion of Gateway Prioritization Criteria

Carolyn Coleman led the work group in a discussion of possible criteria for prioritization of gateway locations. In general discussion it was agreed that Committees may offer as many sites as they deem appropriate. Realistically, each Committee needs to prioritize their sites in order to facilitate public review in November. Each of the 5 Committees will prepare a "storyboard" describing their top 3 priorities. The Northwest Committee will spearhead the effort by developing a prototype storyboard. There was considerable discussion about a draft list of criteria which was distributed. The Committee asked staff to narrow down the list to 3-5 key criteria and disseminate to workgroup within 48 hours.

D. Conclusion/Next Steps

Carolyn Coleman went over the schedule of upcoming meetings:

Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday, October 19th, 2004
5:30 p.m.
2001 City-County Building

Community Meeting

Tuesday, November 9th, 2004
5:30 p.m.
Indianapolis Arts Garden

Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday, December 14th, 2004
5:30 p.m.
2001 City-County Building

She also directed the work group to a new gateways website:
<http://www.indygov.org/dmdplan/gateways/>