

Fruitvale Alive/Woodbine Corner Meeting with Dimond Community Members

February 12, 2011 (fourth meeting of group). This meeting started at 12:10PM

Location: On-site at Fruitvale Ave and Woodbine Ave

In attendance:

City: David Ralston; Designer: Leslie Golden

Community members: Paula Barber*, Mary Bergan*, Karl Buck (partial)*, Karen Colaric*, Michael Gibbons*, Judy Klinger, Debbie Koppman, Tim Little, Robert Raburn (partial), Tom Rose, Gregory Ross, Kathleen Russell, Karen Marie Schroeder, Edna Shum-Ma*, Jill Sunahara (FOSC) (partial) .

Check spelling of name: J C; Dennis (last name?)

**Woodbine Avenue resident or adjacent Fruitvale Avenue resident*

1. Overview of Fruitvale Alive!

Leslie Golden reviewed the scope of Fruitvale Alive. (Detailed notes about the Fruitvale Alive! project can be reviewed in Woodbine Corner Project meeting #1 notes, November 18, 2010. See http://www.dimondnews.org/dia/about_dia2)

David Ralston, City of Oakland, clarified the Woodbine Corner is city-owned property. Leslie Golden showed where the boundaries are between city property and CalTrans.

Brief discussion about the mural under 580, which has been approved by the city art commission and is pending approval by CalTrans and Oakland City Council. David asked if there was a volunteer from group to maintain the proposed mural under 580. To be discussed again in the future.

2. Discussion of lighting and agreed the green Fruitvale Alive fixture would be best option. Placement to be discussed at next meeting. (Over bench suggested but confirmation needed.)

3. Comments by some residents of Woodbine Avenue

Some residents of Woodbine Avenue commented that the Woodbine Corner Project work group has been remiss in not including the residents who live on Woodbine Avenue and adjacent Fruitvale Ave neighbors. Brief discussion and apology from David Ralston and Kathleen Russell. It was noted that Karen Colaric, a Woodbine resident, has been attending meetings; meetings have been posted on the Dimond list serve. Special effort will be made to contact adjacent neighbors prior to next meeting.

4. Concerns of Woodbine Residents

Several residents are not in favor of a bench. After lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of a "non-sleepable" bench there was a vote with 9 attendees (a majority) voting for a bench. Discussion continued and a concern about graffiti was mentioned. Tim Little suggested, as did other artists in the group, that artwork does not usually get tagged. Gregory Ross suggested a vertical sculpture as an option instead of an art bench. A vertical sculpture could also tie in with Sausal Creek in a wave pattern. A resident of Woodbine stated a dislike for abstract mosaic artwork though there might be a compromise if the mosaic were in a recognizable form. Debbie Koppman, artist and teacher, suggested the possibilities offered by the mosaic art form, that the working artists could outline a recognizable form.

5. The "Woodbine Model"

Leslie Golden explained the clay model and described the "art swirl" on the pathway that will give the look of water.

6. Additional Concerns/Question by Woodbine Residents

Another resident stated they have a concern about calling attention to Woodbine Avenue.

Anthony (not sure if Anthony is a Woodbine resident) said he prefers large rocks.

A resident from Woodbine asked if the concrete could be removed from the median center and the median used as a planter. David Ralston said he would check on this possibility..

7. Discussion of Tile

There was a vote taken about color of materials “blending” natural colors vs. “popping” colors. Votes: “7” for blending; “5” for popping. It was agreed (by a vote of “10”) that blues, greens, whites are the preferred colors. Pavers: “9” voted ok using the basaltite granite as pavers (ADA approved).

8. Discussion of Stones Set in Concrete

Vote: “8” against concrete; “2” in favor of concrete. It was mentioned that a small amount of stones could be set in concrete on the Woodbine side but after further discussion it was agreed that the stones will probably not disappear from the Woodbine side as they do from the Fruitvale side.

9. Discussion: Ground Cover

Discussion about “natural” color for ground cover preferred with 1” recycled glass integrated and it was generally agreed the colored glass would only be used in the “bench”. (No vote but there seemed to be a consensus.)

10. Discussion of Concrete Bids and Bid Process. (3 bids)

11. **Woodbine Residents** expressed concern about process and decision-making.

12. Next Woodbine Corner Project Meeting: Sunday, 12/20 at Noon on-site at the corner of Woodbine Ave and Fruitvale Ave.

(Participants might want to bring a chair.)

David Ralston, City of Oakland, will prepare a flyer for distribution to Woodbine and Fruitvale adjacent neighbors.

Leslie Golden will prepare an agenda.

To be discussed at next meeting:

Textures for paving

Tile options

Pavers (to be discussed again)

This meeting ended at 2PM.

Woodbine Corner Project meetings:

Meetings to date: 11/18/10; 12/2/10; 1/8/11; 2/12/11

PDF files of notes can be viewed at

http://www.diamondnews.org/dia/about_dia2

To the group: please review these meeting notes; to include additional notes or make corrections to these notes, please email changes by February 19 (noon) and an updated version will be emailed to the group prior to the next meeting. Email to krussell@russell-gordon.com

Woodbine Corner Project Work Group

City of Oakland project manager is David Ralston <dralston@oaklandnet.org>

Leslie Golden is Woodbine Corner Project chair <lesliegolden@goldenlandarch.com>

Tim Little, co-chair, has adopted the Woodbine Corner <threeoars@mac.com>

Ashley Rogers, co-chair, is on brief hiatus.*

Meeting notes by: Kathleen Russell who is coordinator (scheduling library, communicating meetings, preparing meeting notes) <krussell@russell-gordon.com>*

**Diamond Improvement Association board members*

Note to Leslie Golden: “Heath” (?) in Sausalito for possible donation of materials

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