

Fruitvale Alive/Woodbine Corner Meeting with Dimond Community Members
New Name of this group: Dimond Gateway at Fruitvale Ave/Woodbine Corner Project
April 10, 2011 (fifth meeting of group). This meeting started at Noon; ended 1:10 p.m.
Location: On-site at Fruitvale Ave and Harold St.

In attendance:

City: David Ralston

Community members: Paula Barber*, Tim Little, Robert Raburn, Ashley Rogers, Tom Rose, Kathleen Russell (*Woodbine Ave resident)

1. Review agreed-upon elements under I-580 (in addition to Woodbine corner)

- Low 3-1/2' panel fence;
- Mural on east columns;
- Lighting if "pending" funding is available (Ashley notes that funding for lighting has not yet been identified or secured, but lighting will be included on the plans presented to Caltrans);
- Replacement of the wooden sign that was at Fruitvale Ave and Harold St (northeast corner). Discussion followed about a future sign that may be more artful in its design. Plans presented to Caltrans will include space for a sign.

City of Oakland Arts Commission has approved the Fruitvale Alive plans (under 580).

Next: approval by City Council; approval by Caltrans.

Discussed by group: David Ralston to confirm: plans should ensure the new "3-1/2' panel fence" will be placed along the "triangle cut-out" from Fruitvale along the Harold St side to the pedestrian gate and removal of the wire fence along that corner. The group supports extending the new fence to just past both the Harold and Montana pedestrian entrances, so as to create finished gateway entrances. If necessary, it was agreed to use the "3-1/2' panel fence" from the Woodbine corner side that is now in storage.

Second Discussion: Funding

It was requested David Ralston implement necessary steps to transfer the set-aside funds for the Dimond Gateway at Fruitvale Ave/Woodbine Corner Project to the Dimond Improvement Association.

2. New Elements (short-term)

Group agrees the Fruitvale at Woodbine St median needs a landscape plan integrated with the Woodbine corner, Park-and-Ride lot corner, and median on Fruitvale at Montana St .

TBD: can city remove concrete from the middle of median? Use pots for landscaping?

Next steps : David Ralston will schedule a community meeting with Leslie Golden for group review of the plans for the Woodbine corner. The plans for the median and Fruitvale/Harold corner can evolve during this meeting. This meeting will be inside either at Dimond Library or NAMA (upstairs)? Merchants along Fruitvale Ave between Pleasant St and Harold St to be notified.

Goal of next meeting: Review Leslie Golden's plans (two plans?) for Woodbine Corner and hear from Leslie how she would extend the theme to the median and Harold St corner. It is expected that similar native plants or other design elements will be used to create a cohesive

theme. Since Leslie Golden's time is limited there is the possibility a landscape architect might donate time.

3. Additional priorities to be tracked by Dimond Gateway at Fruitvale committee

- Extend landscaping on Caltrans property
- Remove concrete and planting the median on Fruitvale at Montana St (merchants to be contacted). If a jackhammer is available for removal of the concrete from the Fruitvale Ave median at Woodbine, it makes sense to remove the concrete from the Montana median at the same time. Functional element: bike parking under 580 freeway (part of original request)
- Roadway reconfiguration of lanes along Fruitvale Ave from Pleasant St to Bienati Way
- Champion Transit Plaza – solidify when ground is to be broken so it is confirmed as a funded project of Fruitvale Alive

Woodbine Corner Project meetings:

Meetings to date: 11/18/10; 12/2/10; 1/8/11; 2/12/11; 4/10/11

PDF files of notes can be viewed at

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

Dimond Gateway at Fruitvale Ave/Woodbine Corner Group

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