

Fruitvale Alive/Woodbine Corner Meeting with Dimond Community Members

January 8, 2011 (third meeting of group)

Location: Dimond Library

In attendance:

City: David Ralston, Libby Schaaf; Designer: Leslie Golden

Community members: Tim Chapman, Martha Curtis, Querido Galdo, Debbie Koppman, Tim Little, Robert Raburn, Tom Rose, Gregory Ross, Kathleen Russell, Jill Sunahara (FOSC)

Lighting

David reported that an additional city light at the corner is not available.

Bench

After discussion of various options by the group, a model for the bench was unanimously agreed upon (by the group present). Leslie Golden is working on a model and plans for the bench.

Comments (in addition to lengthy discussion about bench)

1. Lighting in front of bench: to be discussed when model completed
2. Robert raised concerns about cars exiting at 580 Fruitvale off-ramp
3. Contractor will be responsible for evaluating materials and sustainability
4. Letter from the community is requested (query to Leslie as not clear in my notes)
5. Debbie will be attending Institute of Mosaic Art workshop
6. Comment from Ashley Rogers (notes): incorporate Dimond identity at bench area
7. Possibility of donations of work and materials: Libby raised concern that this is a PW project and might negate possible donations (state law?)
8. Sample of mosaic planters at International and 35th (using mirrors)
9. Friends of Sausal Creek volunteered to work on signage when the design is completed.

Next Steps

1. Bench model and plans from Leslie
2. Leslie will put together a "material and color board" (preliminary)
3. David will check on electrical power source for lighting at bench area
4. David will check on work and material donation option (is this legal since it is a PW project?)

Carry-over Items from prior meetings

1. Leslie: will contact Institute of Mosaic Art regarding this mosaic as a class project
2. Description of concrete construction of bench: David/Leslie to write description with review by Tim Little. This description will then be posted on Dimond community list.
(Updated 1/8: need plan and specifications before any announcement)
3. Median at Fruitvale and Harold (that extends just past Woodbine to the south): David will check on removing concrete from the interior of median which could then be used as a planting area (request by Tom Rose)
4. David will request the following:
 - the street sign at corner of Fruitvale and Woodbine (NW corner) be moved to the SW corner (across the street)
 - the "Welcome to Fruitvale Shopping District" sign will be moved further south on Fruitvale Ave
 - Existing Sausal Creek sign will be reviewed for use at the Woodbine corner (or stored for future use)
5. Ashley Rogers stresses importance of including "Dimond" or "Dimond District" in final bench design in the effort to visually connect the neighborhood south of 580.

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6. Friends of Sausal Creek offered native plants
7. Removal of chain link fences from on/off ramps of 580. (Tim Little in contact with CalTrans). This is not part of the Woodbine project but is an added endeavor.

To the group: please review these meeting notes; to include additional notes or make corrections to these notes, please email info to me by January 28, 2011 and I will include and send updated version to the group prior to next meeting. Kathleen <krussell@russell-gordon.com>

Post meeting Item #1: Additional comment by Tom Rose (emailed 1/10/11)

After leaving the meeting I stopped at the Woodbine site to look at, and to imagine the proposed structure there. I observed that the corner is primarily green, brown and gray (river stones) in colors. A bench of bright colors (white, blue, red?) would be a jarring contrast to the existing environment. This is a matter of taste, but I would like to say that I would prefer a structure that blends with the surroundings rather than clashes. I would suggest considering colors and tiles that blend, or compliment in some way, the plants, bushes and rocks.

Tom Rose.

Suggested: The next meeting be held at the Woodbine Corner to look at the colors and materials on-site.

Post meeting Item #2:

CONCERN that developed on Thursday, January 13:

“Someone” has now planted on the Woodbine corner. There are approximately 10 succulents and plants now planted on the corner and a circle of river rocks has been placed around each plant. There are buckets of soil adjacent to the plants, neatly stacked.

One member of our community (not in this work group) has suggested we need to build “around” this new garden.

Tim Little has adopted this spot. Tim suggests there be some signage placed at the corner with this information. Tim: does “Adopt-a-Spot” have a sign or if not, can someone volunteer to make a sign? If the median is cleared out to be used for a planter (David Ralston checking), perhaps these plants could be moved to the planter area?

1/17/11: The following person has been added to our contact list:

Dr. Carrie Ousley <drcarrieousley@yahoo.com> (Dr. Ousley is the chiropractor in the office at the Fruitvale/Woodbine corner.)

Next meeting: Saturday, February 12 at Noon at Woodbine corner.

Meeting notes by:

Kathleen Russell

Interim coordinator (scheduling library, communicating meetings, preparing meeting notes)

Co-chair is Tim Little who has adopted the Woodbine Corner

This project is seeking a co-chair.