

October 27, 2010

Land Use Planning Committee Meeting Report

Attendees: Scott Gray, Phil Trigas, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silber, Kali Meredith, Sue Castillo (chair)

Discussed (by agenda item)

8) Priorities for Port Projects to be addressed through the PCAC

- Downtown Harbor development
- Front Street streetscape improvements, and connection of the San Pedro and Wilmington waterfronts
- Plaza Park improvements

4) Concern about the impacts of the decision re the IOWA siting. The Downtown Harbor does not appear to be jeopardized, but this needs to be verified.

6) Plaza Park - NC resolution is needed asking for POLA to provide committed funding for design to Parks & Rec Dept immediately (language to be developed by Scott Gray). However, we understand that the north end of the park will inevitably be tied to the new Harbor/Sampson intersection.

5) Harbor/Sampson/7th St intersection: Important meeting to attend on November 18th, which will probably lead to an NC resolution. The elimination of Harbor Blvd south of 7th St was discussed, and generally favored, if a good use for this bluff property can be found. The path shown on the latest drawings shows a sweeping curve that will remove significant bluff volume and change our historic and dramatic topography, and this should be avoided.

2) The Community Plan Update was briefly discussed. As Trigas pointed out, "There is a lot of lead time left in this."

Other non-agenda comment for further action at later meetings:

Streetscape improvements on 6th & 7th needs to be moved forward in priority.

The banners at the Clarion Hotel are unsightly and need attention.

Little Fish Theater needs façade (and possibly facility) improvement. Community support is needed, as this is an important asset to downtown.

POLA needs to consider the Harbor Subdivision line extension to its waterfront as a priority program item.

Planning for the courthouse property.