

PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

Special Meeting Date
November 1, 2008

Members Present: Tom Farr
Ryan Tull
Karen Todd
David Katz

Also Present: Mike Smith, Assistant to City Administrator
Rhonda Farris, Staff Secretary
Pam Windsor, City Administrator
Tom Barzee, City Legal Council
Pat Hawver, Director of Public Works
Jeff Samborski, Economic Development Director
Bettie Miller
David Silvers
Lisa Ronning
Chris Hertling
Jim Schuessler, BNIM
Rachael Wedel, BNIM
Steven Hardy, BNIM
Richard Sloss
Art Gough
Pete Cerra
Joe James
Bill Zimmer
Liz Ryan
Tom Demesko

1. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Farr opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

2. PHASE 2 OF THE BURLINGTON CORRIDOR STUDY - FIELD EXERCISE

Rachael Wedel from BNIM welcomed those present for attending the meeting and informed everyone the meeting was scheduled as an opportunity to take a look at some of the things from the past meetings and bring them together and apply them to the corridor.

Ms. Wedel provided diagrams and slides to educate those present of footprints, building types, building set backs, parking, green spaces and views to keep in mind while walking along the corridor during the exercise. Ms. Wedel also instructed those present on what to do today, and broke everyone up into three groups (North, South and Armour).

After returning each group gave a short summary of what they observed.

The North group discussed the green space for future retail, commercial and residential separation, a monument welcoming everyone and the speed and loudness of traffic.

The Armour group discussed the likeability of the look at Armour & Swift, gaps in the parking along Swift, expanding the look of Armour & Swift down 18th, noise and traffic along Burlington, retail shops at the old ADM site, extending building heights, a landmark and adding patios on 2nd stories to take advantage of the great views of downtown.

The South group discussed the potential starting from the bridge being the gateway to the south, more usability of the lots, taking advantage of the opportunity of shared parking on 13th, new tenants moving in, branding the corridor and the abandoned rail line becoming an asset.

Rachael Wedel thanked those present for attending the meeting and informed them at the next meeting we will discuss the data that has been gathered and start on developing concepts and development guidelines.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Tom Farr, Planning Commission Chairman