

- a. The Dreamspace currently has about 100 visitors a day they expect that number to go up to 300 after the renovations are done. They are expecting to have both private and business functions in the space. Would like to increase daytime activities, rentals, events, speakers, etc.
 - b. They are using/ would like to use? the Brown & Cole parking lot for their evening visitors (after 5).
 - c. They would like to add some outdoor seating in front of the theatre on Bay Street to be able to serve some light food before/after shows, this requires adequate sidewalks.
 - d. More sidewalk use requires adequate sidewalks and better maintenance of the streets and sidewalks
 - i. In the past they have used volunteers to clean up the sidewalk
 - ii. With more residents in downtown street sweeping is sometimes prohibited by residents parking overnight. Could there be signs so that the sweeper could have one night a week where no one is parking on the street.
 - e. There are plans for a mural on the north side facing Champion Street.
 - f. Could use more bike parking.
4. Bob Pritchard (leases to Brown & Cole)
- a. Made improvements to alley between Magnolia and Commercial.
 - b. The property at the end of Grand Street is owned by a property trust with 17 members. They have no plan to develop the lot.
 - c. Some businesses use the alleys as secondary entrances and have added light and cameras to the alleys to make them feel more inviting and safe.
 - d. Criminal and other offensive uses are happening in the alleys, the adding of lights (and cameras) would improve the situation.
 - e. The city does not allow doors opening into the alley which makes remodeling more expensive and forces the property owners to install alcoves that becomes good places to hide/sleep/urinate/ other unwanted activities.
 - f. May develop on one of their properties between bay and commercial (where PPS proposed park/plaza).
5. The city has about 1.5 million for improvements in the areas ROW. There are additional funds from the campaign for the arts fundraising and the private sector. The 1st phase of the projects needs to look at the bigger picture with a plan that helps maintain consistency within the Arts district. There are funds for design work this year and there will be money available next year for construction. The city needs to plan for streetscape improvements that support existing and future activities and uses.
6. Bob Hall
- a. Puget Sound energy wants to underground the utilities within the downtown core. This is a good opportunity for the Arts district as well, especially in maritime heritage park and the Alley.
 - b. Eliminate the hard right turn on Bay Street and create wider sidewalk/ plaza space. It is a dangerous intersection.
 - c. Private developers need at least \$100/month per stall to justify building a parking garage.
 - d. Offices and housing are important uses downtown as well.
7. The alley between Holly and Champion as well as the alley between Champion and Central are important pedestrian connectors through the area.
8. Frank Ordway (American Museum of Radio and Electricity)
- a. The museum has done some façade development and are adding a gallery and redoing their windows. Would like to improve the paving in front of the museum with “dance steps” similar to the ones on Broadway in Seattle. There would be Swing music coming out of speakers.
 - b. Want to add lighting and lighted signage on façade.
 - c. Would like to take advantage of more events and be open during evenings.
 - d. More bike parking.

- e. Coordinated bus parking is needed for school tours; this has been discussed with the Whatcom museum. Parking is overseen by the public works department. What are the possibilities of adding another floor to the arcade?
9. Bob Goodwin
- a. Private funds for District will increase.
 - b. Supports closing right turn lane from Holly to Bay Street.
 - c. Suggests redoing commercial space in façade of Mt. Baker Theatre.
 - d. Currently fixing up apartments on the corner of Flora & Commercial. Some commercial use of apartment building is possible in the future, will likely convert.
10. Gary Rusing
- a. Building on Flora used for law office and parking 12 cars.
 - b. No plans at this time.
11. Nichols'
- a. Own lock shop at west end of Flora, parking lot for about 15 cars.
 - b. May be interested in redeveloping site, interested in Arts District theme.
 - c. Need more parking garages, parking is the driver, County property is key to parking issue.
 - d. Be careful how far out businesses use the sidewalk, can be difficult and dangerous to walk around.

These notes represent our summary of discussions and conclusions and will become part of the official project file. Nakano Associates must be notified within 10 days of any additions or corrections.

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