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Via email only

December 12, 2008

23rd Street Improvement Project

RE: Community Workshop #5 Summary

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Attendees: See sign-in sheets

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The following information was discussed and/or decided upon in our meeting.

Item

1. Welcome and Introductions

- City staff introduction
- Callander team introduction

2. Project Background

- Update on current standing of project – process, outreach, design efforts

3. Preferred Concept Presentation

- Proposed street configuration and design details

4. General Discussion/Comments and Concerns (to be addressed by CA/City)

- Interlocking pavers at trees instead of metal grates for ease of maintenance and easier to expand
- Include street signs with street names

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- Choose appropriately sized trees, current trees are too large
- Use bus stops for information kiosks/directions/maps of City emergency call boxes
- More light at pedestrian crossings
- Can signal lights be designed to match character of the design? (CA)
- Provide additional thematic monuments between Grant and Garvin/Gaynor (the heart of the current business district)
- Provide sidewalk distance markers or emblems
- Street lights – include wire for mounting signs throughout the corridor not only at major gateway
- Alley between Gaynor and Esmond, east side of street, need access to residences
- Alley behind Rancho Market – used for deliveries
- Why not stripe entire corridor at once? Entire corridor improvements would likely be too expensive to be completed at once. Improvements would need to be phased.
- Where does funding come from? (City)
- Where will the traffic go? Traffic will likely be diverted to alternative routes including Harbour Way, Rumrill Blvd., 24th Street, 22nd Street, San Pablo Ave.
- Can empty lots be acquired? Empty lots will not be acquired as part of this project but may be part of later projects
- What is the realistic time frame? Timeframe will be dependent on available funding. (City)
- How will residents be affected during construction? Residents will be affected during the construction similar to Macdonald Ave. improvements
- During construction people will use alternative routes
- Can people from Richmond be hired for construction? City contracts hire Richmond contractors
- Richmond works, Richmond builds is a local labor organization that can be utilized
- Include quick couplers by bus stops for maintenance
- Include water fountains, electricity
- Provide dog friendly improvements including drinking fountains with accommodations for dogs

Please contact Tracey Adams (650)375-1313 tadams@callanderassociates.com with any additional information that you feel is missing from this discussion or any additional comments and concerns you would like to contribute.

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The information above is Callander Associates' understanding of items discussed and decisions reached at the meeting. Callander Associates is proceeding with the project based on this understanding. If you have any questions, additions, or corrections to this memo, please contact this office in writing within three days.

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cc: All attendees