

CENTRAL EASTSIDE



Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Project Updates for December 2009

1. Item: CES Budget Subcommittee

The CES Budget Subcommittee met on November 19 and December 3 to work on the FY 2010/11 proposed budget and 5 year forecast. The subcommittee completed a CES project/program priority exercise to help guide them in their recommendations for funding allocations. The proposed list was forwarded to the entire CES URAC, and URAC members were asked to participate in selecting their top three priorities for the district. The subcommittee will report back to the CES URAC with their recommendations at the December 14 monthly CES URAC meeting.

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2. Item: *Burnside Bridgehead*

Redevelopment Framework Plan

PDC, BEAM, and the consultant team spent November completing the initial tasks for the Framework Plan. This included project reconnaissance and the gathering of input from a variety of groups, including the URAC and CEIC Land Use Committee, on visions for the redevelopment. The first public workshop for the project, held on November 18 from 5:30-8:00 PM (at Olympic Mills Atrium), provided a forum for conversation between the project team and stakeholders early in the process. We had a great turnout (we estimate that we had around 140 people there at the peak), and received great feedback and kicked-off. The feedback will be used to help the project team develop a draft Framework Plan, including three urban design concepts.

The second workshop on January 27, 2010 from 5:30-7:30 PM at bSIDE6 (524 East Burnside, 7th floor) will offer attendees a chance to comment and provide input to a draft Framework Plan.

Temporary Uses – Art Fence on Block 76

On October 16, the selection committee interviewed and selected one of three finalist teams. The LODGE team was selected to design and implement the temporary art work on Block 76 of the Burnside Bridgehead site. The selection committee met on December 3rd to review and provide feedback to LODGE on their design proposal for the site. The committee approved the design concept, allowing LODGE to move to the next phase of their design process which will include meeting with the Bridgehead and Burnside/Couch Couplet project managers to discuss the technical aspects of the design; refine their schedule and budget; refine their design; and share their design with the Burnside Bridgehead CAC, CES URAC and the CES community.

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3. Item: Washington High School

On December 1, the CAC completed their task of recommending to Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) on the size, scope and program elements for the proposed community center. The preferred “Option D” utilizes about 18,000 square feet on the ground floor of the high school and a 59,000 square foot new facility at SE 12th and Stark for the pool and gym facilities. A “fallback” option, Option A, was also recommended in case the high school option does not proceed with a private developer. Option A would also be a phased development with a total of 70,000 square feet. PP&R will begin an analysis and conduct community surveys to determine public support for a bond amount to be voted on in November 2010.

A new appraisal on the property is expected mid-January 2010. The Portland Public School Board will meet December 10 to determine if a “Request for Interest” (RFI) will be issued to ascertain developer’s interest in

acquiring and adapting the high schools upper floors into another use, most likely housing. The goal is to have a developer selected by March/April 2010.

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4. Item: Eastside Burnside-Couch Couplet

Nutter, project construction contractor, is focusing their construction effort on Couch Street. Because of the holiday moratorium they are unable to work on Burnside, MLK, Grand or 12th Avenue. Once the corners on Couch have been poured they will be able to work on the pavement. Paving will be completed in 2-3 block segments. The segment from NE 6th - NE 10th Avenues will have base lift pavement by the end of next week; weather permitting. All of the underground boring for the signals has been complete and new signal poles will be installed. Work on the new Couch connection to the Burnside Bridge will start in mid-December.

The project construction schedule is updated at the following link; on Wednesday, every two weeks.

<http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=46449&a=269952>

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5. Item: Storefront Improvement Grant

Six Storefront Improvement Grant applications have been approved and several others are in the cue for approval this fiscal year. We look forward to sharing the before and after pictures with you as projects are completed.

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6. Item: Clifford Apartments

The project developer and owner of the Clifford Apartments is Innovative Housing, Inc (IHI). IHI has been working to close complicated financing with the private lender and historic tax credit equity investors. Due to delays in closing financing, IHI has temporarily re-tenanted the Clifford Apartments.

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