

**Downtown Strategic Initiative
Movin' Around Committee
August 13, 2008
Meeting II Minutes**

I. Introduction.....Chair, Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson called the second Movin' Around Committee meeting to order at 1:33 pm. Tom introduced himself and asked committee members to introduce themselves. Tom briefly went over the Movin' Around Agenda.

II. Presentation of Downtown Streetscape Plan.....Aubrey Hammontree

Aubrey Hammontree gave a presentation on the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan, which is meant to be a flexible guideline for all the citizens, investors, owners and the City of Oklahoma City. Aubrey's presentation highlighted the goals, content, framework, organizational breakdown, transportation, pedestrian flow, district identity, kit of parts, prioritization, maintenance, implementation, status, and funding.

Russell Claus added that the Streetscape Plan was created prior to Devon's announcement of its future skyscraper and SandRidge's expansion.

The Streetscape Plan can be accessed at: <http://gis.okc.gov/transfer/dtssmplan/dtssmplan.zip>

III. Subcommittee Reports.....Subcommittee Chairs

Transit and Transportation – Todd Butler

Todd noted that their subcommittee has met twice since the last Movin' Around committee meeting. They are revising the spreadsheets and making progress on the status checks and next steps. They are working on coming up with 5-10 short and long-term initiatives.

Questions were raised among the group regarding the "Button-Hook" and accessing Regatta Park as well as the potential creation of a quiet zone around the railroad tracks. Urban Neighbors has been working with the City regarding the Quiet Zone. An engineering study is in process and may be complete.

Walk- and Bike-Ability - Dick Coyle, Terry Enos and Betsy Brunsteter

The subcommittee decided to divide into Walk and Bike sub² committees. Terry, Lanc, Matt, Mark, Steve Smith and Steve Schlegel are on Bike-ability. Terry will chair bike-ability. Betsy, Anna, Lanc and Mark are on Walk-ability. Betsy will chair walk-ability. Griff and Rocky will be the safety, education, and outreach liaisons between the sub² committees, which will help with coordination.

During the brainstorming session, *Walk-ability sub²* discussed the following:

- ‡ Safety Issues such as Crossing Times at lights, Adequate Lighting
- ‡ Create safe paths where people walk
- ‡ Clearly mark Cross-walks
- ‡ Walking Environment
- ‡ ADA
- ‡ Create pedestrian interest (AIA walking tour map)

Walk-ability sub² will meet on **August 26th** at Trattoria El Centro at 5pm. During this meeting they will:

- ‡ Compare Brainstorming ideas with Official Recommendations on spreadsheet
- ‡ Review Recommendations and Status
- ‡ Set 5-10 top priorities

During the brainstorming session, the *Bike-ability sub²* discussed:

- Ⓜ The difference between, what the committee has decided to call "*bike streets*" (on street biking, signed routes and striped shoulders) and "*bike trails or paths*" (off street, typically shared with pedestrians)
- Ⓜ Connecting bike trails and bike streets
- Ⓜ Educating drivers – as well as bikers
- Ⓜ Lanc provided handouts on bicycle stations (these facilities exist across the nation, including Chicago, Austin and several CA cities)

Bike-ability sub² will meet on **September 3rd** at 3:30pm at Bicycle Alley. During this meeting the sub² will decide on their top five issues that can be turned into initiatives.

A suggestion was made by Michelle Foy that the subcommittee look at turning some on-street parking into bicycle parking (Portland has done this).

Parking- A.J. Kirkpatrick

The Parking subcommittee finished their status check and continued discussing issues and challenges related to parking in an effort to start crafting specific recommendations.

The subcommittee also discussed:

- Ⓜ Multi-bay module systems
- Ⓜ Opportunities to add minutes and/or pay via cell phone
- Ⓜ Pilot program that will allow people to check parking availability on a website
- Ⓜ Improve lighting in the garages and leading up to the garages
- Ⓜ Consider the impact of privatizing the garages
- Ⓜ Accepting credit cards at parking garages (and surface lots)
- Ⓜ Changing parking locations and keeping a running tab of \$

The subcommittee also wants to gain a better understanding of when different uses peak (opportunities for shared parking)

A committee member suggested that the Parking subcommittee also consider plug-in stations for hybrids (OG&E is also investigating this) as well as parking for scooters and motorcycles.

Terry Taylor-Connectivity

The Connectivity subcommittee is noting a lot of overlap between connectivity and walk/bike-ability as well as safety (part of Stayin' Around). The group also discussed:

- 🏢 How housing (Downtown Dwellers Initiative and the update of the 2005 housing study) is a key component of Connectivity (DSI will directly address housing in the Stayin' Around Committee, beginning Jan. 09)
- 🏢 Downtown schools will also aid in connectivity and are tied directly to housing – safe walking routes to schools are critical
- 🏢 The role of the private sector – public sector can only do so much.
- 🏢 Derelict properties detract from connectivity
- 🏢 DOKC and Chamber play a role in communications and marketing – need more interaction with HSC and need to devote more resources to the overall connectivity issue
- 🏢 Need HSC to support connectivity – other than vehicular.
- 🏢 Need better signage to show connection between downtown and HSC.
- 🏢 Workforce still has an in/out mentality about downtown.
- 🏢 A kiosk in the airport promoting downtown would be helpful (this has existed in the past – no one could remember seeing it lately)
- 🏢 Maps of downtown must be available to visitors (digital kiosks, touch-screen menus)

VII. Closing Remarks.....Tom Wilson

Tom reminded everyone that the Movin' Around Committee meets every second Wednesday of the month from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. The next meeting is September 10th. The location for the next meeting will be e-mailed along with an agenda and today's meeting minutes.

Autumn Radle asked subcommittee chairs to provide minutes of their meetings and asked committee members to let her know if they need any additional research. If their subcommittee plans to meet prior to the next full Movin' Around Committee Meeting please let her know.

Tom Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:53pm.

Submitted by,
Tina Page
Downtown OKC, Inc.
(with additions by Autumn Radle, DSI Project Manager)