

**Rosslyn Business Improvement Corporation
Urban Design Committee**

Meeting Minutes

**January 18th, 2017
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

Attendees: Leslie Arminski, Robert Esselburn, John Kusturiss, Paul Rothenburg, MJ Schmelzer, David VanDuzer, Lenore Yaffee-Garcia, Stan Karson, Cy Kouhestani

Guests: Santya Lanman, Kesi Lumumba, Mary-Claire Burick, Kelly Fairman, Elizabeth Carriger, Stuart Stein, Taylor Lawch, Bonnie Parker, Angela Adams, David Goodman, Kelly Cornell, Dan Neighbors, Larry Marcus, Rich Viola

Approval of Minutes

December, 2016 minutes. Motion made by MJ Schmelzer, 2nd by David VanDuzer. Passed with the caveat that edits are needed in the West Rosslyn Development section.

Informational Presentation

Two Waying

The BID in partnership with County Staff and key stakeholders is progressing with a plan to two-way Ft. Myer drive and Lynn street, which derives from the Realize Rosslyn sector plan. The UDC's role will be to receive informational updates and to give feedback along the way.

Implementation

Short-range: 2017

This includes low hanging fruit (additional space for pedestrians and bikes, repurposing lanes, markings paint and delineators, planters). A charrette to discuss tactical urbanism and multimodal transportation is scheduled for March 4th.

Long range: 2018 and beyond

This will be a study of traffic signals, curb line, streetscape and tunnels. The long-range study will entail analysis of alternatives, once a preferred alternative is found it will then move into the design phase.

Next steps:

The team will develop a workshop format and explore the options for a pop-up survey and assemble the advisory group. The tentative date for first advisory meeting is in late January and early Feb. The tentative date for the RFP is in late February. Implementation of the work shop recommendations is scheduled for summer 2017.

Question and Answers:

A previous study was completed by staff but this proposed study will go further and be more robust. The previous study's data will be used as a reference.

Concerns were also voiced about the potential economic impact of the two-waying project. The fiscal and retail environment impact will be reviewed by the Advisory group, the BID's Executive Committee and the UDC. This will tie back to the Retail Action Plan.

Question was asked about the effect on the commuters who commute through Rosslyn. Partner agencies will be engaged (DDOT & VDOT) to answer questions about commuters through Rosslyn.

Project/Construction Updates

Queens Court

Next step is Planning Commission presentation. Financing will not be concluded until 2018.

West Rosslyn Development

During the SPRC there was a discussion on floor plates and more space for pedestrian interaction, especially on N. Pierce St. and in the walk path near the Wilson school.

Construction phases were presented during the last SPRC; they can be found online [here](#). It details road closures and when construction will begin on Queens Court.

Penzance is working with County Staff to ensure proper communication of the phasing. The BID requested for Penzance to provide a point of contact for the BID's communication's team so updates can be blasted through the BID's channels.

APS is responsible for design and construction on 18th St. It's slated to be closed for 1.5 years during construction. More information can be found [online](#) regarding the design of Highlands Park.

Central Place

Central place residential grand opening is slated for next week. The leasing office should be open and tours will begin for the first few floors. By the end of the month, the lobby and amenities should be opened along with floors 6-16. Retailers should open on a rolling basis beginning the summer of 2017, to the end of summer.

Gateway

The extension hearing will be heard by the County Board in January. The BID Board has already sent a letter to the county approving the original project in 2012 so as an organization we support their multi-year request for an extension (3 years).

New Business

BID Updates

Sprit of America Tower: A large project being proposed by Jim Birch. He met with the RAFOM board. The goal is to build a tower which will honor America and its History; it would include an observation deck. It would be located on VDOT land, on the east side of River Place. No member of the County Board has given their opinion. There is no official approval.

The February UDC meeting will have voting presentations. Please keep February 15th clear. West Rosslyn Development and Queens Court will present.

Adjournment