

OCL *Rethinking I-81* Study
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
University College
Dec. 17, 2008

Present: Russ Andrews, Joseph Ash, Phil Bousquet, Emanuel Carter, Dennis Connors, Carol Dwyer, Rebecca Livengood, Tony Malavenda, Sarah McIlvain, Donna O'Mahoney Rohde, Van Robinson, Sandra Barrett, Rachel Pollack

Topics Discussed:

- Volunteers will be needed once report is finished to go out and make presentations to officials/community groups; another group (such as the MDA) might be involved in carrying forth the presentation to the community
- Storm Water Drainage issue: Need for more research
- Emanuel's students will work on refining studio projects during Spring Semester
- Should there be an annual/semiannual meeting to review and update on status of I-81?
- Projects/presentations about 15th Ward in the works for SU Sojourners Storytelling conference, Feb. 26

Discussion of Report Drafts

- Sandra will continue to send e-drafts to committee members; any changes should be entered into these computer files and returned to Sandra for consideration.
- Necessary to add a methods section in the introduction
- Many people won't read the whole report; need to have a facts sheet addendum
- What are the three or four most important points we need to get across? 1) Something will happen, regardless. 2) How the decision-making process will occur (community participation, etc.) 3) Cost-factor, Experience has shown it is less expensive to tear down and build surface alternative than to rebuild (Milwaukee, can we obtain DOT figures?) Cost of repair of bridges v. surface road should be a part of figures in addition to cost of building viaduct or at grade roadway. The question is who bears the cost and it goes back to the point that locally the cost of that additional maintenance is carried in opportunity costs, maintenance dollars go to viaduct maintenance instead of other key projects. 4) Economic Development opportunities/the University Hill economic engine/Downtown connectivity point
- Revamping of Table of Contents: Should we move up section "Lessons Learned From Other Cities" or integrate into other sections? It was generally decided to do both.