

PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Meeting #4 Summary

DATE: August 6th, 2013

RE: Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge: Fishing Piers

Discussion:

- The projects website is www.veteransmemorialbridge.com. The public can contact Jim White, the project manager, through the website. There is also a Facebook and Twitter page for the project. There will be a public meeting towards the end of this year that will be advertised on the website as well.
- Three types of possible materials for the fishing piers and amenities:
 - Wood- low cost, high maintenance. Committee agrees that this is not a good idea.
 - Composite material- recycled material, twice the life time of wood, won't splinter, has resin to resist weather. Committee likes this material because it gives a warm residential feel. It also keeps clean easier and longer.
 - Concrete - maintenance free, most expensive, aluminum railings. Committee also likes this material too. Could have stamped concrete to make it look like wood. Could also add designs and color to it.
- Amenities considered for fishing piers:
 - Fish cleaning stations- wood/concrete. Have at least two of them on the west side pier.
 - Rod holders- concrete pier could have internal holes rather than external holders.
 - Seating- with shade or without, pier layout will determine shade stations, depends on the final bridge design. Need to pick seats that won't invite the homeless to sleep on them. Could have pavilions over the seats to provide shade.
 - Lighting- Not planning to close the piers at night. Lighting could be on pier itself or come from the bridge. Have the lighting match the bridge (scaled down version).
 - Kayak and paddle board dock- must be a floating dock. Can only be on west side.
- Discussion on if there should be a fishing pier on both sides of the bridge (east and west) since there is not parking on the east side. Committee will discuss more at the next meeting.
- No room on east side of bridge for parking. Options include having people park at the courthouse and walk over bridge to the east fishing pier, use historic building private parking lot, or purchase lot that is about two blocks away from the bridge. Discussion will continue next meeting.
- Fishing piers will meet all the new ADA standards.
- Pier layout could be straight or circular. Most of the committee liked the circular pier with a potential "T" design at the end in order to cast into the deeper areas. Cannot allow casting into the channel due to safety reasons.

Public Comments:

- Concerns with the east side parking situation. Some Riverplace 100 residents don't want the pier on the east side. Most people like the circular pier layout. Material used is very important.
- Next meeting is on Tuesday September 3rd from 5:00 to 6:00. It will mostly be open discussion and the educational aspects of the memorials will be discussed more in depth.