

**Southside Vision Development Committee Meeting Notes
February 8, 2019**

Present: Diane Labelle (Charter Arts), Ron Unger (ArtsQuest), Mike DeCrosta (Southside Arts District)

Staff: Anna Smith (CADCB)

Submitted by: Anna Smith

Lighting Study RFP

The committee reviewed the draft of the RFP and a list of lighting firms that Anna had put together. Ron said he would check with his contacts to see if there are any additional firms to add to the list, and Diane said she would provide feedback from Tony Hanna on the RFP. The group discussed the timeline for the project and agreed to release the RFP on Friday, February 15. Anna committed to sending the final draft to the committee by Tuesday, February 12.

Tranquility Park

Diane mentioned that she confirmed Bethlehem Lowes' interest in working on Tranquility Park this spring. She visited the park with landscape architect Bruce Fritzinger, who has offered to assist with a design for the park that would include new lighting, steps at the back, and a possible gateway on Fourth Street. Diane said she would engage students from Charter Arts' environmental club in the planning process. Bruce will be in touch when he returns from Barcelona in March.

Southside Vision 2019-2020 Project Proposals

The committee discussed options for project proposals for the upcoming Southside Vision program year. The group agreed that the committee should put forward a proposal to implement recommendations from the lighting study. Although the firm will not be selected in time, the committee could ask for a placeholder amount and refine the plan later on. Anna offered to draft a proposal to be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

Open Floor

Diane inquired about the Greenway Fitness Trail, and Anna mentioned that CADCB just received notice in January that we did not receive the Northampton County Hotel Tax grant to support the project. Diane mentioned that we had secured commitments from St. Luke's, the Southside Arts District, and Charter Arts to help fund the projects, so we could revisit the budget and seek additional resources. Anna said she would revisit the project with the Outdoors and Wellness committee, and Mike will check with Missy at the Southside Arts District to see how much they would be able to commit.

Next Meeting

The next Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 22 at 10 am in the first floor conference room of the Forte building (1337 E. 5th Street).