

Southside Vision Development Committee Meeting Notes
May 10, 2019

Present: Diane Labelle (Charter Arts), Ron Unger (ArtsQuest), Sean Dooley, Tracy Samuelson (City of Bethlehem)

Staff: Anna Smith (CADCB)

Submitted by: Anna Smith

Lighting Plan Discussion

The committee discussed the two proposals that were received from firms interested in completing the Southside lighting plan. The committee agreed unanimously that the BEAM Ltd proposal best addressed the goals set forth in the RFP. The proposal offered a more modern take on lighting, addressed the challenges of combining disparate lighting elements, and would draw on their existing work on New Street. The primary challenge is that the proposal would require approximately an additional \$15,000 to be completed as proposed.

Anna agreed to reach out to BEAM to discuss the budget and moving forward. Meanwhile, committee members will reach out to contacts among local developers to see if some would be willing to provide support to complete the plan.

Tranquility Park

Anna will follow up with Jodi Evans at the City of Bethlehem about meeting at the park to discuss the Lowes Heroes project.

Open Floor

Tracy mentioned that developer Borko Milosev is exploring moving forward with development on the City Lights site at 6th, 7th, and Edwards streets.

Tracy also reported that development is moving forward slowly at 1338 East Fourth Street. The design now includes 1 retail space and 10 market-rate apartments.

Next Meeting

The committee agreed not to meet on May 24th due to the holiday weekend.

The next Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 28 at 10 am in the first floor conference room of the Forte building (1337 E. 5th Street).