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OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Ritter called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mr. Fiedeldey, Mr. Wolterman, and Mrs. Harlow were in attendance. Mr. Ritter said the purpose of the meeting was to review streetscape proposals for Colerain Avenue. The Board heard proposals from four firms in response to our request for qualifications.

KLEINGERS & ASSOCIATES

The Board heard from Mr. Jay Stewart, Mr. Tim Casto, and Ms. Lynne Nischwitz.

After the firm's presentation, the Board asked questions.

Mr. Ritter asked how many years the firm has been in business. Mr. Stewart said they began in 1993.

When Mr. Ritter asked about their time frame, Mr. Stewart said it would depend on funding, but he said the way-finding and signage could be done quickly.

Mr. Ritter asked about plantings in the median. Ms. Nischwitz said this can be good in strategic places, softening all of the asphalt and beautifying the corridor.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about cooperation from ODOT with the median plantings. Ms. Nischwitz said ODOT has allowed this in previous projects.

When Mr. Fiedeldey asked about the type of plantings, Ms. Nischwitz said she would choose salt-tolerant species. She would not choose evergreens.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about irrigation. Ms. Nischwitz said that would not be possible in the medians. Mr. Casto added that it would be important to get the public works director involved to help with maintenance issues.

Mr. Fiedeldey said they are talking about a pedestrian-friendly streetscape and suggested they look at the crosswalks and if the road is too wide to cross in one light.

Mr. Wolterman said they are trying to eliminate visual pollution and discussed burying the electric wires. Mr. Stewart said that they can work to remove the lateral and cross-over wires and bring the focus to a pedestrian level, so the over-head wires are not so noticeable.

Mr. Wolterman asked if burying the wires is something Duke must do. Mr. Casto said that must be negotiated.

**MEISNER & ASSOCIATES/LAND VISION
KZF DESIGN AND LAND CONSULTANTS, SUB-CONSULTANTS**

The Board heard from Mr. Gary Meisner.

After the firm's presentation, the Board asked questions.

Mr. Ritter asked about his vision for Colerain Avenue. Mr. Meisner said it is a two- to three-part story. He said we must work with property owners to keep the view shows open. He said we should do something special at the intersections, possibly with some symbolism to historical significance. He suggested a

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simplified landscape. He said the plan should be authored by the ownership group so that everyone feels they have designed it.

Mr. Fiedeldey said the right-of-way is a challenge because we are maxed out. Mr. Meisner said that it is important to talk to property owners and get them on board. We can look at such items as banners and potted plants.

In response to Mr. Fiedeldey's question, Mr. Meisner said about 50% of his work is in the private sector. He has had a 25-year relationship with KZF.

Mr. Wolterman asked about burying the utility lines. Mr. Meisner said how we deal with this is most important. There are creative ways to relocate or bury the wires. This can raise property values over time. It is possible to phase areas as you go.

Mr. Wolterman asked about the cost to bury one mile of utility lines. Mr. Meisner said this varies with the lines, but it cost \$51 million for three miles on Beechmont Avenue. There are major cost differences with service lines versus transmission lines.

KKG
CDS ASSOCIATES AND BROWNSTONE DESIGN, SUB-CONSULTANTS

The Board heard from Mr. Clete Benken, Mr. Gary Heitkamp, and Mr. Erik Brown.

After the firm's presentation, the Board asked questions.

Mr. Ritter discussed the issues with the limited right-of-way. Mr. Heitkamp said the median is the easiest part of the improvements. The right-of-way requires more, but there are benefits to the property owners.

Mr. Wolterman asked about the Springdale Road part of the visual and ingress and egress along Colerain Avenue to balance the corridor. Mr. Benken said that they can work with businesses to create landscape easements and parking sharing.

Mr. Wolterman said the Colerain Avenue Corridor Task Force discussed parallel parking. Mr. Benken said access drives make some sense and they will look for those opportunities.

MCGILL SMITH PUNSHON, INC.

The Board heard from Mr. Jose Castrejon.

After the firm's presentation, the Board asked questions.

Mr. Wolterman asked about having the utility lines buried. Mr. Castrejon cited money and difficulty dealing with Duke.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked for an estimate to bury the utilities along Colerain Avenue. Mr. Castrejon said it might be \$500,000/mile with partnerships.

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Mr. Fiedeldey asked about this public versus private experience. Mr. Castrejon said his experience is 75% private, with the public experience being mostly university work.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about the West Chester park and clock tower. Mr. Castrejon said it opened in June and was designed over one and a half years. It is about 2.3 acres and has a water feature, clock tower, seating, and is wired for sound.

Mr. Ritter asked about his vision for Colerain Avenue. Mr. Castrejon said there are great opportunities with gateways and nodes. He suggested a sense of place and identification at the highway. He stressed first impressions and the transition to residential. He discussed the safe appearance of aesthetics with the limited right of way.

Mr. Fiedeldey said this is a state route and is pushed to the sidewalks. How can we make it pedestrian-friendly? Is it possible to get pedestrians to use the sidewalks? Mr. Castrejon said we are so dependent on the automobile and not many use the sidewalks. He said it is a visual thing, the perception of walk ability.

All of the design firms cited public comment and input as important.

ADJOURNMENT


With no further business to come before the Board, at 7:30 PM, Mr. Wolterman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Fiedeldey offered a second.


Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

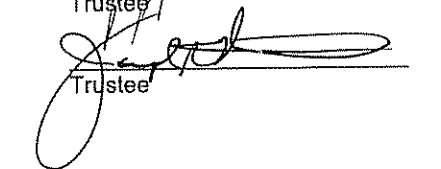
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman "Aye"

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