

JEFF CAR 2015 Design Review Team S106 Meeting FINAL NOTES

Meeting #17: March 14, 2014 10-11 AM Central

I. Attendance

Role	Name	Participated
DRT Member	Tom Bradley	
DRT Member	Maggie Hales	X
DRT Member	Vern Remiger	X
DRT Member	Judith Deel	X
DRT Member	Bill Hart	
DRT Member	Karen Bode Baxter	
DRT Member	Ann Honious	X
DRT Member	Mark Miles	X
Advisor: National Trust	Jennifer Sandy	
Advisor: National Trust	Betsy Merritt	
Facilitator	Margo Brooks	X
Facilitator	Greg Cody	X
NPS MWAC	Tim Schilling	X
CAR2015	Ann Leavey	X
MVVA	James Smith	X
MVVA	Gulliver Shepard	X

II. North Gateway

DRT asked that the design team to explain how the pavements in the North Gateway met the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

The main pedestrian/bike pathways are the same width and materials as the perimeter pedestrian/bike pathways that were previously approved. Secondary paths are exposed aggregate concrete in the same color and texture as both the pedestrian/bike pathways and the processional walks. They are much smaller than the processional walks, however, and will not have the same distinctive jointing patterns or wood-like joints as the processional paths.

DRT also asked how the transition between the concrete pavement on Washington Street will work with the brick and cobble of Laclede's Landing. There is a project at Laclede's Landing to reset the cobblestone streets and the DRT wanted to be sure that the projects would not interfere with one another.

The CAR2015 project ends at the current line where brick pavement begins. This is located variously underneath the bridge arches or on one or the other side of the bridge. The center arch will include an accessible ramp between the two existing stairs to bring people up onto the brick pavement under that arch.

The DRT discussed the merits of centering the ramp. MVVA said that it was centered to keep the existing stairs and to allow for the interior arches that are currently bricked up under the bridge to be opened and used for other purposes in the future. By centering the ramp, they would not cover up any of these interior arches.

DRT Comments

The DRT agreed that the North Gateway paths met the Secretary's Standards.

The DRT would like to be informed of changes and refinements to the design of the interface between the CAR2015 project and Laclede Landing.

III. Canopies over the highway

MVVA provided a presentation showing canopies over the highway on the Walnut and Poplar Street bridges. These will be built by MO DoT and are not technically covered by the programmatic agreement for the project.

The canopies are metal block pedestrian views of the highway as they cross the bridges and provide shade and safety from traffic over the bridges. They are simple, open screen boxes. The project will also consolidate traffic lights and features.

DRT Comments

The DRT approved the design. They will not contact FHWA/MO DoT to reopen consultation on this portion of the highway work.

IV. Archeological Monitoring Plan

Tim Schilling, NPS archeologist, was asked about the North Gateway and its potential effects on archeological resources. Tim acknowledged that there were in situ archeological features located beneath the present parking garage, so monitoring of this site and the demolition of the parking garage will be a high priority.

The revised draft of the archeological monitoring plan was distributed earlier in the week. MWAC will be revising the contractor portion of the plan to make it clear that contractors will be responsible for excavating features found in all portions of the project area, not just the West Entrance. The DRT approved this idea and did not need to see a revision prior to issuance of the final document.

The Osage Nation responded to NPS during the week to approve the current version of the monitoring plan without changes. The park also approved the monitoring plan with minor editorial changes. DRT members will review the plan and provide any additional comments to Tim Schilling and Margo Brooks by March 21.

V. Next DRT Meeting

The next DRT meeting will be Friday, April 4 at 10 AM Central. The topics of discussion will be design details regarding the exits at the arch legs, ramps details at the Old Courthouse, and Luther Ely Smith draft constructions plans.