

Flip Chart Notes from TAB Retreat June 4, 2013

BOARD PROCESS:

What Works:

- The staff brings memos, presentations, information for TAB to react to. TAB gives staff advice and coaching to:
 - create a better message/presentation for City Council
 - create better messaging for the community
- Board members are engaged and genuinely interested in the topic. Leads to:
 - more time and effort spent working on important issues outside of board meetings
 - working hard to be a valuable resource to staff and hope to serve in that way rather than place more demand on staff resources and time
- Board provides staff with constructive and civil input
- Meetings organized so staff presents and board has a discussion one meeting and develops recommendations the next meeting (so there is time to give thoughtful consideration to recommendations)
- Board allows for discussion of differing perspectives and works to establish alignment and consensus—finds common ground
- Board presents a unified voice to staff
- Board supports and is committed to a shared vision in alignment with the master plan
- Board members do not speak solely from their own personal agendas and passions but keep the bigger picture in mind—the larger group needs/wants over individual needs/wants
- Board focuses on high level/policy level and avoids getting too much into the weeds. They focus efforts to advance TMP and avoid getting distracted with new priorities (chasing rabbits)
- Being a small group of people helps (5 members)
- Good meeting management
- Board members bring what is truly representative of the community

What's Needed:

- Would be nice to be able to continue the conversation between meetings-to find a legal, ethical way to connect without having to wait for a whole month
- Would like more discussion rather than feeling the need to move on to next issue. Find a way to avoid artificial constraints but still have good productive and efficient meetings.
- Staff continue to present at high level and concise (assuming everyone has read the packet), but also include an estimate of how long the presentation will take (5 minutes, 10 minutes, etc.) prior to meeting
- Discussion might be structured so there is a presentation, free flow of comments by board members (assuming no one overrides others) and then a “lightening round” where board members are each tapped to give a final thought/consideration (or pass if it has already been stated by another board member)
- JAZZ HANDS! ☺ (consider using nonverbal signals of support instead of interrupting and adding more verbal content)
- We need to keep track of the ideal we are aiming toward even if it is currently unreachable (not spend too much time on something that won't come to fruition, just keep long term goal in mind and review it occasionally to make needed adjustments)

MAJOR GOALS for 2014:

- Transportation Maintenance Fee (TMF)—cross the finish line
- Access Management and Parking Strategy (AMPS)
- Community-wide Eco Pass – high priority for the community
- Capture future funding opportunities
- Make recommendations to City Council on Transportation Master Plan (TMP)
Update
- Make recommendations on project priorities for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (federal funding opportunity)
- Actively encourage and educate interested but concerned cyclists
- TAB involvement in integrated planning projects
- Capture lessons learned from projects to utilize going forward (project and process evaluation, example is to study pilot design of Junction Place and Pearl Multi-way boulevard)
- Exposure to best-in-class models in other cities (field trip!)
- Develop TAB guiding principles for board deliberation
- Continue outreach to community partners (BVSD, CU, Business community, etc)
- Continue to leverage funding and pursue partnerships and relationships