

Chautauqua Guiding Principles Discussions

Meeting #3, September 12, 2012

Meeting Notes

1. Review of meeting agenda

- On September 4, Council was given an update on the committee discussions and gave general support for the direction the guiding principles are going in.
- A suggestion was made to include OSMP staff at the subcommittee meetings since the many of the parking issues are directly related to open space visitation.

2. Review revised guiding principles

- Consider the state role in approval for changes to public buildings.
- The additions to principles #1, beginning with “it should be managed and preserved...” seem out of place (maybe include in #4?)
- Specify what “all parties” means.
- What does “primary responsibility” refer to – management, initiation of new construction, funding, approval?
- The overview of the city’s roles and responsibilities in #5a is too long. Delete everything after and including “Under the direction....” (remove functions of the city)
- Reference principle #3 in the CCA role.
- Reference the city as the owner of several of the public buildings.
- Add reference to cottage ownership.
- The general idea of the thresholds is good. It may be premature to define the them, however, in the guiding principles. It’s hard to know which bucket every project will fit into.
- The principles should refer to the idea that the more change, the more collaboration required. We need to more clearly identify the types of projects that fall into each category.
- Does everything default to “minor” or to “significant”? This should be more explicit.
- What is “a significant change of use”?
- Pin down the specific processes needed with each type of improvement (maybe as a follow-up). The existing processes for demolitions and site modifications are working. Very few things require a new process.
- Let’s acknowledge that some processes are already in place and working well so we can move forward with some of those improvements before this process is finished.

3. Next steps

- Take the proposed guiding principles and next steps to council after subcommittee meeting #4.

- We may need a fifth meeting if council doesn't agree with the draft.

4. Public comment

- The principles should speak to the neighborhood as a part of the public nature of the place.
- Principle #2 should not address internal operations of the CCA.
- The public needs more time to carefully review the drafts in advance of the meetings.
- OSMP staff should be at the table in the discussions.
- There needs to be more specificity in principle #4 by listing all entities and areas of concern.
- Regarding threshold #2, ask if this will change the outcome. Build in more public oversight and responsibility.
- Regarding thresholds #2 and #3, at what point do the national entities enter the decision-making? What is officially landmarked – the land, the buildings or the mission?

Next meeting

Meeting #4: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., October 18, 2012, 1777 West Conference