

Vaughan Mall Blue Ribbon Committee
Meeting Notes
October 18, 2019

Members Present: Doug Roberts, City Councilor; Ned Reynolds, City Councilor; Brian Murphy; Ellen Fineberg; Sam Winebaum; Peter Vandermark

Excused: Nancy Pearson; City Councilor

Staff: Jacob Levenson, Solid Waste Sustainability Coordinator; Nancy Carmer, Economic Development Manager

Review/acceptance of September 27, 2019 draft meeting notes

On a motion by Ellen Fineberg, seconded by Sam Winebaum, the draft meeting notes of September 27, 2019 were unanimously approved.

Discussion of draft Request for Proposals

The Committee discussed the draft RFP and the small \$25,000 budget available for design and installation. Brian Murphy noted that while well-written, the RFP seems suitable for a bigger scale project. For such a small budget and project scope many potential firms would not respond simply based on the time required to respond to the RFP. He suggested there are two possible paths forward with one being a larger scope with this current effort being an incremental step to the larger Vaughan, Worth, Bridge project vision. The other approach would be to invite individual professional landscape architects for interviews and select one based on qualifications, experience and project understanding.

The committee discussed the constraints related to the first approach including the available timeframe for concept design development and installation of improvements as well as the city's procurement policy of limiting solicited work based on the approved funding available. Based on this discussion, the committee decided to stick to the near-term action plan and invite individual professional landscape architects for interviews with a focus on prioritizing the improvements that the committee has outlined to date.

Next Steps: Staff will provide a short list of potential interview candidates to invite for interviews for discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting –November 1, 2019 at 8:00 AM in Conference Room A at City Hall.

The meeting ended at 9:08 AM.