

Congress Square Re-Design Initiative Task Force

Minutes 9/27/10

Attendees: Councilors and Committee Co-Chairs David Marshall and Kevin Donaghue, Jan Beitzer, Andy Nelson, Pandora LaCasse, Virginia Rose, Jack Bussell, Tamara Gilliam; Staff: Alex Jaegerman, Nelle Hanig

City Attorney Mary Costigan presented her research on legal encumbrances that exist on the Congress Square property. She explained that the Eastland Park Hotel and the Trusiani's have easement rights to walkways over the square to access the entrances to their buildings on the square. Mary noted that the existing walkways could be relocated, but must provide adequate access. She went on to discuss that an easement to the Eastland of one-third of the square is mentioned in a contract. Although there is no recorded easement, there is a signed contract in which the City agrees to provide such an easement. She recommended a discussion with the Eastland to determine whether they would still be interested in such an easement or whether they would release any or all of the easement promised in the contract. Discussion on Mary's presentation followed.

A draft RFP that staff put together for the re-design of Congress Square Plaza was discussed. Various edits were suggested throughout the document. Staff was to submit an updated RFP to the committee for their review prior to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.