

Riverwalk Status Update – October 13, 2006

❖ General Items of Interest

- Negotiating two agreements with EDAW
 1. Scope of work for design of Brorein under existing contact
 2. General contract to cover the design of the remaining segments
- The grant writing firms are now on contract and actively researching grant opportunities.
 - City Staff is sorting through information provided by grant writers to determine target areas
- Citizen Riverwalk Connection
 - Purpose is to connect the citizen groups to the Riverwalk project by establishing strong and effective liaisons and successful communications channels
 - First meeting was held on October 3, 2006
 - The group was presented with an overview of the Riverwalk and had the opportunity to discuss the project and provide input on how to reach out to a wider community base through various media outlets and neighborhood associations
 - Next meeting will take place around early December 2006

❖ Segment Update

- We will see a great amount of progress in the coming months because of the significant groundwork completed over the last two years
 - Segment 4: Tampa Bay History Center
 - Contract with Hardeman Kempton Associates (HKA) approved by City Council to begin design of Channelside Gateway and northern part of the Riverwalk
 - HKA will also design the associated park and remaining Riverwalk design
 - Construction of History Center building still slated to begin in April 2007
 - Parks and Recreation will begin shoreline restoration and park design as soon as funds and permit obtained sometime later in the year
 - Segment 7: Tampa Convention Center
 - \$700K in FY07 City budget for design services
 - Segment 8: Platt Street
 - LAP agreement approved by FDOT for \$860,000 reimbursement in 2009/2010
 - Contractor bids close at the end of October
 - Estimate to begin construction in January 2007
 - Plan to hold a groundbreaking ceremony in January 2007

- Segment 11: Trump Tower
 - Indications of project moving forward
 - Latest estimate to start vertical building construction is January 2007
 - Met with SIMDAG Project Manager to determine a location for the Riverwalk construction sign

- Segment 10: Brorein Street
 - Scope of work for design with EDAW very near completion

- Segment 16: Curtis Hixon Park
 - Riverwalk will be designed in conjunction with park and on park schedule
 - Public meeting held on October 11, 2006 to review three design options from Thomas Balsley Associates
 - Design options are available online:
http://www.tampagov.net/dept_contract_administration/Downtown_Waterfront_Park_Improvements.asp
 - Estimated park construction with Riverwalk to begin late 2007/early 2008

- Segments 13 – 15: Kennedy Plaza
 - Evaluating elevator on North side of Kennedy Bridge for ADA access down to the Riverwalk. Stairway on the south side. Both access points will be part of the proposed Venū residential project located at the southwest corner of Ashley Drive and Kennedy Blvd.

- Segment 17: Cass Street/CSX Railroad Bridges
 - Tom Balsley and EDAW will develop several options to present to Mayor
 - CSX official from Jacksonville reviewed the site with Lee Hoffman
 - May have underpass solution that will not require submerged Riverwalk

- Segments 22 – 24: Heights
 - Riverwalk in Water Works Park in design
 - Expect construction to begin on Water Works in July 2007
 - Riverwalk south of Water Works Park will begin after park – no schedule yet