

To: Mayor: Mark Mallory
Vice Mayor: David Crowley
City Council Members: Jeff Berding, Chris Bortz, Laketa Cole, John Cranley, Leslie Ghiz,
Chris Monzel, Cecil Thomas, Roxanne Qualls
City Manager: Milton Dohoney
Department Directors: Michael Cervay, Eileen Enabnit, Charles Graves

11-18-08

From: The Corryville Community Council

Re: Short Vine Streetcar Advocation

To: City Officials,

The community of Corryville is united in its desire for the vibrant revitalization of our neighborhood and business district. We all recognize that redevelopment of the University Plaza site, as a significant gateway, is a pivotal component in those revitalization efforts.

The Corryville Community Council (CCC) has consistently advocated for a potential streetcar reconnection from Vine to Short Vine. While the current Plaza concept plan (07-22-08) has responded to many CCC concerns and criticisms, it does not currently accommodate the possibility for a streetcar connection from Vine to Short Vine. Members believe the omission of this opportunity is short-sighted, and not in the best interest of the entire community. The CCC is passionate about protecting what they feel are the significant revitalization benefits that would accompany a streetcar traveling on the main artery of the Short Vine Business District as it makes its way to the Zoo.

At the 11-11-08 CCC meeting, the membership recognized a need to send City officials a letter advocating a Corryville streetcar route, and clarifying their position on a potential Short Vine route. A motion stating "the community strongly advocates a creative solution for a visionary University Plaza redevelopment with assurance that the development plan does not preclude the possibility for accommodating a future Vine to Short Vine streetcar system connection" passed with overwhelming support, 16 in favor and 1 opposed.

The community understands that analysis for determining the optimal route for an Uptown streetcar loop is expected to be complete within the next six months, and until then all potential routes are on the table. They appreciate the willingness of Mike Ricke, Project Manager for Anchor Properties, to meet with the City's Traffic and Engineering Division to explore and discuss how a potential streetcar connection could be accommodated within the plan so as not to preclude any future reconnection.

As a central city urban community, Corryville faces many serious challenges, but we continue to embrace the vision for a bright future. We appreciate the City's support and involvement in our revitalization efforts.

Sincerely,

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