



**CITY OF RIVERBANK**  
**DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**  
Design Committee  
Meeting Notes  
June 4, 2007

*Present: Max Melendez, Shirley Sorensen, Carla Strong, Evenly Halbert, Ric McGinnis, Dennis Zinner, Kathy Anaya, Lee Harris, Karen Russcher, Laurie Barton, Margaret Silveira, J.D. Hightower, Laura Graybill, Melissa Holdaway, Emily Pino, Tom Holloway, Conrad Driscoll, Ryan Carrell, Mike Smith, Jan Stanley*

Introductions were made and Margaret explained the mission of the Design Committee and how the meetings would be conducted. The committee agreed that a simple majority vote was needed to make a decision on design choices.

The City quickly projected 41 photos on the screen to illustrate possible design elements which have been used in other cities. The committee was asked to assign each image a number to designate their immediate reaction to the photo. The reactions will be evaluated and compiled in a report by the City.

Tom Holloway of KLA asked the committee to share what they would like to see in the project. Following are the responses:

- Railroad elements
- Hispanic cultural flavor
- Round-a-bouts
- Tile
- Fit the theme of Plaza del Rio into this design
- Keep in mind the surface must be wheelchair friendly

KLA presented possible design elements and, after discussion of the options, the committee decided the following:

1. Street Scene: A smaller street area with a median, wider sidewalks, diagonal parking, and larger planter area. This would allow for a shade canopy from larger trees which would grow above store signage.
2. Round-a-bouts: Install them at the locations suggested (Second Street and Santa Fe Street, Third Street and Topeka Street, Fourth Street and Santa Fe Street, Sierra Street and Santa Fe Street).
3. Gateway Treatment: Incorporate into the design some type of gateway element on Third Street near Atchison Street and near Patterson Road.
4. Median: Install a median at the south end of Third Street with a possible inclusion of a monument.

5. Flush curb vs. Raised Curb: Explore having flush curbs in some areas of the design.
6. Beautification Parameters: Extend the design of the beautification project down to First Street rather than stopping at Second Street.
7. Bike Paths: The designer should look at including bike paths in the design of downtown.
  - ◆ Comments made in the meeting included:
  - ◆ I like pulling out businesses onto the sidewalks. It's more welcoming.
  - ◆ Before removing any existing trees, the Historical Society should be contacted regarding any memorial trees.
  - ◆ How long does it take to create a tree canopy? (It depends on the tree type, soil preparation, watering, etc. The City will make sure those are addressed.)
  - ◆ Why would a round-a-bout be installed on Second Street rather than First Street? (Because First Street is a truck route. But that can be changed.)
  - ◆ There are large dips on Second Street where the round-a-bout would go in. Would those go away? (They will if a round-a-bout goes in.)
  - ◆ It would be helpful to have water and power sources in the median for events.

The next Design Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2007. It will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.