

WRB Design Enhancements Panel

Meeting #9—SYNOPSIS

Monday, September 14, 2009

Lane Council of Governments

4:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Panel Attendees: Charlotte Behm, Eric Gunderson, Bob Kline, Annie Loe, Vicky Mello, Randy Nishimura, John Rose, Scott Wylie

Absent: No one

Staff: Don Kahle, Facilitator; Megan Banks; Douglas Beauchamp, Larry Fox, Justin Lanphear

Absent: No one

Don reiterated the meeting goals—choose interviewees, schedule interviews; interview questions strategy; due diligence before the interviews; and any new unfinished business.

Don asked for another straw poll on how many ADT should be hired now that the panel has seen the proposals.

Don suggested that a team that was a panel member's top choice not be eliminated. John responded that he didn't choose a favorite; he evaluated the team's professional capabilities, which was not the same.

Randy asked if the median took into account wider ranges of scores, or the difference in approaches to scoring within the panel. Don responded that there are three sets of numbers, and the intent is a "soft focus."

Don distributed copies of the rankings of the teams by bundle. He added that the panel will need to decide whether to interview by team or bundle.

The panel agreed to remove TBG from consideration.

The panel agreed to remove Galbraith from consideration.

The panel agreed to remove Poticha from consideration.

Don reminded everyone that the goal is to have the teams to interview and for what bundles before the meeting is finished tonight. He reminded everyone of the interview schedule [also listed later]: Wednesday, September 23, beginning at 7:30 a.m.; Wednesday, September 23, beginning at 5:15 pm; Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 a.m. and Friday, September 25, 7:30 a.m.

Charlotte noted that after reading the proposals, she has different interview questions than before.

John asked if we needed to interview by bundle only. Larry responded that was really the only fair way to do it. Eric said that he thought it would be challenging for a team to come down three times. Justin observed that it would be good preparation for the actual project. Randy added that we should be sensitive of the respondents' time since no one is under contract yet. Charlotte said if we are interviewing a team, they should definitely be a viable candidate.

John asked if we were only interviewing the lead. Don responded that we are interviewing the lead but they are welcome to bring others.

Champion Presentations

Don asked if bundle champions would like an opportunity to speak about their bundles, and if so, how much time would they like. As the bundle 2 champion, Scott noted that there were strong contenders in two different “realms”—art for art’s sake and experience with art/interpretive areas—walk through/dioramas/work-pictorial displays.

The panel agreed to remove rhiza from bundle 3.

The panel tentatively agreed to interview rhiza for bundle 1.

The panel agreed to interview GreenWorks and Habitats for bundle 2.

The panel agreed to tentatively remove 2form from bundle 2 consideration.

Don asked the panel if they thought bundle 2 fit more with bundle 1 or 3. Douglas asked why Don asked the question. Don responded that it has to do with the approach to work—interpretive vs. conceptual/abstract. Scott said we could ask in the interview if they would approach their work more conceptually. Don responded that teams are likely to answer yes.

The panel agreed to tentatively remove Lando from consideration for bundle 2.

John asked if the panel had indeed voted on this. Don said it was only tentative, and could be undone later.

Don suggested the panel look at the other bundles to give clarity to bundle 2.

The panel agreed to remove 2form from consideration for bundle 1.

Don stated that the RFS language indicates how the ADT choice will be made. The panel is doing two things now: 1) who they want to invite to an interview and 2) what they want to find out at the interview. If someone is close, and the panel thinks we undervalued a category, the panel probably should consider that when deciding who to interview.

The panel agreed to interview GreenWorks and Walker Macy for bundle 1.

The panel agreed to interview GreenWorks for all three bundles.

The panel agreed to interview Lando for bundle 1.

The panel agreed to remove Lando from consideration for bundle 3.

The panel agreed to remove 2form from consideration for bundle 3.

The panel agreed to interview Litus and Habitats for bundle 3.

The panel agreed to remove Habitats from consideration for bundle 1.

The panel agreed to interview Lando and rhiza for bundles 1 and 2.

The panel agreed to remove 2form from consideration for bundle 2.

The group discussed interview format and agreed to begin with general questions and then proceed to bundle-specific questions. Eric added that by the time we get to the interviews, we know the teams are well qualified—we're really looking at "can we work with this team?"

Interview Questions

The group discussed the following questions to be sent ahead of time (per the RFS, one week in advance):

- What inspires you about this project?
- Give us an example of a similar project in which you collaborated with a diverse set of stakeholders. What did you learn?
- This project offers design opportunities at very different scales, juxtaposed against users experiencing those designs at very different paces. How would you deal with such a dynamic intersection of space (scale) and time (pace)?

Tentative interview schedule was determined as follows:

Bundle 1	Bundle 2	Bundle 3
GreenWorks	GreenWorks Habitats	GreenWorks Habitats
Walker Macy		Litus
Rhiza Lando	Rhiza Lando	

Tentative timing would include:

Opening presentation	10 minutes
Questions sent in advance	20 minutes
Bundle-specific/other questions	20 minutes

Tentative interview times (all interviews at LCOG):

Wednesday, September 23, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 23, 5:15 pm – 8:15 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The panel will meet Friday, September 25, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (after the interviews) at LCOG to develop recommendations.