

# Monroe Street Engagement Resource Team Meeting Notes

Date: April 12, 2017	Time: 5:00-6:30pm
Location: Barriques, Monroe Street	Recorded by: Zia Brucaya, Urban Assets
Attendees: Christy Bachmann, Hiam Garner, Peter Armstrong, Ben Yahr, John Imes, Alder Sara Eskrich (by phone until 5:45pm)	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
<b>Business Roundtable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The roundtable was very well attended. Many participants expressed appreciation for the amount of information shared. Topics of interest included hours of construction, process of notification for things like water main shutoffs, designating a liaison to attend weekly meetings with the contractor, and shuttle / park &amp; ride options.</li> <li>- John Imes shared a shuttle bus proposal and removable bollards proposal from the Monroe Street Merchants Association (MSMA) with City staff just prior to the roundtable meeting. The ERT discussed the proposal for in-pavement removable bollards further:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Christy: The city will not support in-pavement bollards. We will not install anything that might compromise the pavement and be a maintenance hazard. Bollards must stay on top of the pavement and be easily removable if used. We can look at expanding or further formalizing the use of parking spaces that businesses are currently taking advantage of during times like the Monroe Street Festival. Businesses who are interested should contact the City. We will need to have this discussion with the City's vending coordinator, parking utility and others to figure out the details.</li> <li>o John: Support within MSMA is mixed at this point – there are some who support and some who do not or who have more questions. Many of those in support are not restaurants. In the proposal, we looked at the potential impact of lost parking on City revenues and whether the City would consider incrementally increasing the parking rates along Monroe to cover this. Monroe Street is trending toward a larger number of restaurants, so additional on-street space would be good for them. We have also discussed piloting the idea.</li> <li>o Zia: It would be helpful for MSMA to collect and provide a list of businesses who would like to explore the opportunity of utilizing parking spaces on a more regular basis, so that the City can understand how many businesses are interested and connect them with the appropriate staff to keep the conversation moving.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- At the roundtable, Orange asked about adding outlets to the light posts. Christy said that traffic engineering is taking a look and will let us know if and what is possible. It might be necessary for the businesses to pay for the electricity.</li> </ul>	John: Help collect list of businesses interested in using parking spaces.
<b>UW Student Design Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four ERT members and two others attended the in-class design review on 4/11. Student designs were conceptual design and development recommendations for multi-block sections of Monroe, such as around the Knickerbocker intersection. They included future commercial and residential development, as well as street and park design.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John: The students presented a lot of nice principles and design parameters that could inform this and future development processes. They also discussed great brand enhancement opportunities for businesses. I have asked Professor LaGro to come to a future MSMA meeting to share and discuss.</li> <li>- Ben: It would be helpful to hear whether there are any achievable/ low-hanging opportunities from the City's perspective.</li> <li>- There will be one more design review with City staff before the students finalize their work for the semester.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Crazy Legs Triangle</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The design of Crazy Legs Triangle has been removed from this engagement process and will become its own process. The City is still considering how best to do this, whether through an RFP for a design consultant or with another approach.</li> <li>- Hiam recently shared input from businesses near the triangle with Christy. Some of this input involved looking at closing Breese Terrace and diverting traffic to Crazy Legs Lane instead due to the safer right-angle intersection; straightening the bike path; and adding features like speed bumps to slow the bikes down.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Wingra Entrance Workshop Prep</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The ERT discussed the goals, scope and agenda for the workshop. The scope will be 50' into Wingra Park from the back of the sidewalk, along the length of the park entrance, plus a large chunk at the western corner of Commonwealth (in front of Klinke), that will be opened up when Commonwealth is re-aligned to a 90 degree angle (this will require taking some property from Bud's).</li> <li>- Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What are the boarding numbers for the Wingra bus stop?</li> <li>o Would Metro consider adding a bus stop by Klinke?</li> <li>o Will engineering be adding a Monroe Street crosswalk from the west side of Commonwealth?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The workshop will include a visual preference survey of participants. ERT comments included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o John: There used to be an ice house at this location – bring history pictures.</li> <li>o Ben: Include graphics related to the site to help people envision opportunities in place – simple plan views of Wingra entrance and Commonwealth corner. Show visuals that provide examples within the realistic range of options. At a past workshop on Crazy Legs Triangle, people had a hard time thinking about future design because it was too abstract.</li> <li>o John: Would the City consider doing a larger community survey of design preferences after this meeting?</li> <li>o Christy will try to get iClickers for the workshop so that we can do real-time audience polling. If that doesn't work, we will use worksheets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Will the bioswale concept be included in this workshop? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No, the scope is the entrance, not the entire park.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Will the underground treatment structure still be part of this reconstruction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Phil is figuring that out with Parks; the hope is yes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Zia is working with Professor LaGro to figure out how the students' work may be included in this workshop. He has suggested displaying student posters of future development opportunities to help people think about how the design of the Wingra Park entrance today may be best positioned to support Monroe's future look, feel and function. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Peter: Consider allowing participants to dot-vote on their favorite student ideas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Christy: Look into iClickers.</p>

<p><b>Housekeeping</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John: The “Preliminary Corridor Design Workshop” is scheduled for June 21—please consider moving this due to Make Music Madison.</li> <li>- Ben: There will be a noon blessing of Lake Wingra on May 13<sup>th</sup> by Ho-Chunk tribal members as part of the boat house opening. There will also be a cleanup in the morning.</li> <li>- Zia will re-share the upcoming meeting dates and locations with the ERT to continue publicizing through their networks.</li> <li>- Next ERT meeting: May 10, 5:00-6:30PM</li> </ul>	<p>Zia/City: Look into rescheduling 6/21.</p> <p>Zia: Share information on upcoming public meetings.</p>
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