

Monroe Street Engagement Resource Team Meeting Notes

Date: May 10, 2017	Time: 5:00-6:30pm
Location: Barriques, Monroe Street	Recorded by: Katie Fadelli, Urban Assets
Attendees: Alder Eskrich, Hiam Garner, Peter Armstrong, Robbie Webber, Susan VanderSanden, Zia Brucaya	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
Wingra Park Entrance Workshop Debrief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zia recapped the Wingra Park Entrance Workshop. The event ended with many achievable ideas for the Wingra Park entrance and the corner of Commonwealth. It was a good sign that both of the groups came up with similar ideas for each location independently of each other during the site visits. - Alder Eskrich noted that it was a very good group, with the majority of community members who are most active on this issue and who needed to be there all in attendance. - The main takeaways included the desire for a rain garden and a decorated utility box on the corner of Commonwealth, and public art that related to park activities and a widened Y-forked path at the Wingra Park entrance. Hiam noted that Friends of Lake Wingra has offered to maintain the rain garden and any other plantings/green infrastructure for 3 years. - The group also discussed the related UW student design ideas that depict different options of closing streets to improve the bike path connections. Robbie will try to see if having the path continue onto Terry Place, cutting off one block, would have any advantage for bicyclists. Ideally the easement would continue all the way through the park. 	
UW Student Design Review Debrief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor LaGro will develop an executive summary of the key designs from the semester. - Zia: Professor LaGro is willing to present to the DMNA and/or the Monroe Street Merchants Association about the student recommendations if desired. The idea of establishing an urban design district was raised at one of the design reviews. It may help businesses and community members to understand what the opportunities are, and develop a community vision that can be conveyed to future developers. - Peter: Other stakeholders such as Edgewood should be included as well. - Alder Eskrich: This information should go to the Imagine Madison staff and those updating the Comprehensive Plan. This will be a separate effort from the current Monroe Street reconstruction process. - When available, the designs will be shared with the ERT and linked on the City of Madison project website. 	UA: connect Professor LaGro with DMNA, Monroe Street Merchants Association
Crazy Legs Triangle update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zia: The City is looking into issuing an RFP for the redesign of Crazy Legs Triangle, with a separate set of public engagement meetings for this process. Christy will provide an update at the next meeting. - Hiam: Jason from HotelRED is interested in being a part of this process going forward. 	

<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Public Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zia reviewed the plans for the final two public meetings, the Preliminary Corridor Design Workshop and the Final Open House. - The Preliminary Design Workshop was rescheduled to avoid Make Music Madison and will now be held on July 5th from 6-8 in the Edgewood College Washburn Heritage Room. The updated date was posted in the latest Hornblower. <p>Preliminary Corridor Design Workshop, July 5, 6-8PM, Edgewood College Washburn Heritage Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is an important event and the last chance to provide input on the design for the street. There should be a strong push for community attendance at this event. Urban Assets will send out the meeting information so that the ERT can share the information with their contact lists. - The city will prepare detailed plans that can be laid out, reviewed and commented on. - Peter asked that all of the added elements are clearly depicted and labeled. The plans they'll be bringing should display the locations of the raised intersections, pedestrian islands, proposed bus stops, rain garden and bike parking options for the side streets, new bike posts and parking meters. Peter suggested that a good way to collect input on these plans would be to have different colored dots so that participants can mark what they like in the plans and where there is still a need/something missing. - It will also be a good chance to talk about materials, colors, options for art in the intersections, colored pavements, opportunities for parklets etc. - The question about how/whether businesses can take up a parking spot keeps coming up. It is done occasionally now and but it would be helpful to discuss how make it easier or able to happen more regularly. - Alder Eskrich asked that the City bring an outline of the process that they are suggesting (street occupancy permits) so that people can review and see if it will be feasible, and discuss what would make this most effective. - Peter suggested that in addition to dot stickers, participants should have some cutouts representing bike corrals to give people a chance to note where they might be best placed. 	<p style="text-align: center;">UA: send upcoming meeting information to ERT members</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Housekeeping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiam: Nearby businesses have said that the Crazy Legs Triangle is used as a dog park and popular bike meet up location. That might be a good location for a bike service station rather than at the Wingra Park entrance. The businesses would like a bike traffic count of those who do not stop at the intersection of the bike path and Breese Terrace. 	