

Monroe Street Engagement Resource Team Meeting Notes

Date: June 14, 2017	Time: 5:00-6:30pm
Location: Barriques, Monroe Street	Recorded by: Quinn Heneghan, Urban Assets
Attendees: Alder Eskrich, Peter Armstrong, Ben Yahr, Zia Brucaya, Aaron Williams, Christy Bachmann, John Imes	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
Crazy legs Triangle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on RFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERT feels the amount is good for this project. Question as to how the amount of RFP was determined; the amount was based on the proposed 1% for the arts policy that is likely to be adopted by the City. - Summer pop up project: Aaron reported that the grant is issued to Aaron Williams, on behalf of Arts Wisconsin in the amount of \$1,500 from the Madison Art Commission (MAC); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Will need to secure insurance; working with Anne Katz o Bike lane must be on both sides; may paint red and blue. - The paint needs to be temporary so that the street can return to normal after the pilot project is over. John suggested putting rain protective coat over chalk paint to see if it will lengthen time for paint to 3-4 months. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussion about how to get chalk paint off. Should not go into gutters. o Ben: how about vinyl tacked to pavement? Would need construction adhesive. - 3-4 weeks before Aaron submits for permits. - Sidewalk sale is within timeframe – July 22nd - Aaron: Not sure what the condition of Crazylegs Lane will be after MG&E finishes work; looks rough right now. Will start to install in July based upon city approvals. 	
Green Infrastructure Focus Group Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Second focus group held earlier this afternoon. - Ben reported that Phil has done more research regarding rock filters, trees on top of rock, deeper trenches, wider tree grates, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussion about large underground water treatment structure at Wingra park. This will likely happen, but not a daylighted stormwater feature. o Excited that Klinke is receptive to the idea of a rain garden at the corner of Commonwealth. The corner is not contaminated. Phil still needs to confirm whether Klinke can maintain it – meeting next week. - After talking with some folks, Phil thinks the support policy giving businesses an opportunity to cost share the greening of parking lots may hit the wrong tone at a time when businesses will be extremely financially strapped. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jim at the City will look into whether the cost-share could come in the form of reduced assessment fees over time. o John: Would it be possible to use PACE funding for infrastructure? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ben: Would like to see something in place for permeable pavement for parking lots. 	
<p>Use of Parking Spaces for Parklets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christy: This is not tied to the street reconstruction project at hand, but can happen at any time. Interested businesses can go through the City's street use permitting process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Street use permit contact is Kelli Lamberty. - Zia spoke with Kelli and found that MSMA could apply as an umbrella for all interested businesses. Businesses can also apply for multiple locations and multiple days within one application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limitation is a maximum of 15 days per location per year. This still allows for a lengthy "pilot" during the warm months to gauge interest and effectiveness. ○ Once an application is in, the applicants will need to sit down with the "Street Use Team" (departments that would be impacted, e.g., police, vending, fire, risk management, etc.), to finalize the plan. This allows applicants to discuss all issues at one meeting. - John: There is discussion about piloting this during the summer. We already use the street use permit process for the festival. Would need a standing one for more days. John will update MSMA board and get an idea of those interested in piloting to have expanded discussions. Possibility of putting seating on the terrace and move pedestrians to street? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christy: This would not work with ADA accessibility guidelines. 	
<p>Preliminary Corridor Design Workshop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report and discussion about Preliminary Corridor Design Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduled for July 5, 6-8PM, Edgewood College Washburn Heritage Room - Zia described the agenda for the workshop and asked the ERT if anything was missing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christy: Jim will present the full corridor design plan, slide by slide, if ready in time – should be ready. Plans will include the traffic calming features to go in, including the four raised intersections. ○ Christy will share the plan ahead of time in PDF format if possible, by email and on the website. - The last part of the workshop, after the presentation, will include large plans laid out block by block on tables for review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendees will be able to comment with stickers, pens and post-its. ○ Staff will be available to answer questions. - Christy: There will only be decorative pedestrian-scale lighting in commercial areas due to cost (fully assessed). - Sara: City staff should explain rationale for where pedestrian enhancements are located, e.g., will there be lights at every crossing? (yes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Talk about the underlying design principles of the lighting and other enhancements ○ Explain how everything fits together from a high-level perspective. What is the narrative? How does the design proposal relate to green streets, slower traffic and a sense of place? All of these elements contribute to the bigger picture. - Peter: Staff should wrap up with a narrative of the input that they hear during the workshop portion; what does it all mean? 	

- Bike parking locations? Christy: Possibly, but not all of the details will be worked out before the workshop. People can place stickers where they would like to see additional bike parking.
- Bus stops: Metro will roll out their proposed locations; some will be removed, and some moved to the far side of the intersection.
- Parking meters: Christy hopes to have better information about what businesses are interested in after the business meeting on final Friday.
 - o Question as to whether they want meters added or removed? Transition to 1 hour meters? Or vary meters 25 minutes to 1 hour?
 - o Aaron: Can meters go to BID? What is the ideal length of stay?
 - o Zia: New electronic meters would help reduce towing, which is a current problem for the businesses.
 - o John will make sure that it is part of the agenda at the MSMA board meeting on the 27th. Will make sure that he talks to Orange.
 - o Peter: Concerned that the parking meter discussion could take away from corridor design discussion at the workshop, so need to prepare to capture that feedback effectively.
 - Zia: Will plan to have a specific table to discuss meters, based upon information from the business meeting.
 - o Christy: Is there concern by people that parking will spill over into the neighborhood? Generally, when the City reworks a street, we leave parking meters as they were.... We can also investigate getting rid of meters, especially if the request is coming from MSMA board.
 - o John is in favor of varying meter lengths, based on needs of nearby businesses.
- Green infrastructure needs to be added to list of presentation topics.
 - o Christy: Except for the trees that Phil identifies as part of his green infrastructure, the corridor plans will not show forestry. Normally, Forestry evaluates needs after construction is complete.
 - Sarah: Explain this at the meeting.
 - o Ben: Green infrastructure locations will be a good sticker activity.
- Peter: How will modifications be made to the design based upon input from the workshop? What are the criteria for change?
 - o Christy: The more people speaking up about an item, the more impact the input will have on the City's final design. We have received a lot of public input over the past year, so we do not expect any major issues to come up. If the neighborhood feels that a crossing island or RRFB is in the wrong location, however, we will look at moving those.
- Ben: This agenda seems more like a presentation rather than workshop.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christy: Jim should be able to get through the presentation in half an hour. Will include time to review bus stop locations and enhanced pedestrian crossings. Would like to come back together at the end of the meeting to review and share - Are we hearing your input correctly? ○ Zia: Will revise the agenda to reflect 30 min. presentation, 30 min. workshop/design review, and 15 min. summary discussion. 	
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Original ERT term was set through October 2017. Public meetings will be over in July, but Crazylegs/Wingra process will still be going. Does ERT want to keep going after July? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christy thinks it is a good idea. ○ Group agreed that yes, meeting through October will be useful. 	