

# Monroe Street Engagement Resource Team Meeting Notes

Date: July 12, 2017	Time: 5:00-6:00pm
Location: Barriques, Monroe Street	Recorded by: Katie Fadelli, Urban Assets
Attendees: Peter Armstrong, Ben Yahr, Zia Brucaya, Aaron Williams, Christy Bachmann, John Imes, Mary Campbell, Hiam Garner, Robbie Webber	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
<p><b>Debrief on Preliminary Corridor Design Workshop</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Preliminary Corridor Design Workshop was well attended and lots of relevant opinions and ideas were collected on the proposed corridor design. City staff will meet next week to review the input and ideas collected.</li> <li>- The Final Corridor Design Open House will be rescheduled to August 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> (or 30<sup>th</sup>) based on availability of HotelRED, Wingra School, and Edgewood. Mary will look into hosting at Wingra School.</li> <li>- There will likely not be a chance to publish the new meeting date in the Hornblower as the next issue does not come out until the fall. The ERT will work to notify the neighborhood of the event with an email blast and Urban Assets will email those who have already signed up for the event through Eventbrite. The City will send a letter to everyone that lives on Monroe with information about the assessment process and will include information on the Open House.</li> <li>- The group discussed a question raised during the workshop regarding the proposed raised intersection at Glenway and how that would interact with the grade approaching the intersection. Christy will look into whether this might cause an issue with emergency vehicles or stormwater.</li> <li>- Peter and Aaron discussed whether people would want to see trees removed to make way for a pedestrian island, and which option would result in slower speeds. The preference of participants at the meeting was not clear. They mentioned Sprague as an example and wondered whether an RRFB or pedestrian island is needed at this location because yielding compliance is already pretty high.</li> <li>- Mary has heard some worries about Monroe Street businesses and wondered if there could be something done to remind residents how to support the businesses during construction. The Monroe Street Merchants Association is leading this effort by hiring a half time marketing director. Zia suggested that MSMA be given time at the final open house to give a marketing update and plug for businesses during construction. John suggested Andrea.</li> </ul>	<p>Christy: Check on plans for Glenway raised intersection and Sprague traffic calming (necessary?).</p>
<p><b>Crazylegs Triangle RFP update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ken Saiki Design, a landscape architecture firm, was awarded the contract. Urban Assets will be part of their team. Mosaic artist Marsha Yapp will also be involved.</li> <li>- Urban Assets will send the accepted proposal to the ERT for review. The contract still needs to be approved by the Board of Public Works and Common Council. Plan is to finalize by August 1.</li> <li>- Aaron is working on a pilot project for Crazylegs Triangle to begin this summer. The plan is to close Crazylegs Lane with concrete barriers, decorate the pavement, and add moveable seating. The city wants it reopened during the winter for snow/bike trail maintenance before it is permanently closed during construction next year. Christy will reach out to Arthur Ross</li> </ul>	<p>Christy: Touch base w/ Arthur Ross re: Crazylegs pilot.</p> <p>Zia: Share Crazylegs proposal.</p>

	<p>about having it closed permanently starting this summer. The group discussed using a smaller vehicle for snow plowing that can fit between the barriers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The accepted proposal calls for three public meetings. The first will be similar the recent Wingra Park workshop, but focused on Crazylegs Triangle. The second will allow attendees to comment on multiple design options for Crazylegs Triangle and the Wingra Park Entrance. The third will be a final presentation on the plans. This will likely take place after the final design submission to the City on October 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Public-private partnership opportunities on Monroe</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Associated Bank is interested in what happens at Crazylegs and want to set up a meeting with the project team. They may be able to provide additional funding. HotelRED is also very interested.</li> <li>- The accepted proposal has plans for a focus group with all adjacent property owners and the UW.</li> <li>- Ben noted that green infrastructure opportunities exist at Commonwealth and at the Grant Street intersection by the old Associated Bank. Possibly also where Oakland meets Crazylegs.</li> <li>- Yang will look into getting additional right of way at the Grant and Monroe intersection, based on input from the last workshop.</li> <li>- Mary noted that the staff and kids at Wingra School would be interested in being involved in any kind of project done on the city park land adjacent to the school.</li> <li>- Klinker is interested in hosting a rain garden in the terrace at their intersection, but maintenance is an issue. They will likely ask Friends of Lake Wingra to maintain it. Phil Gaebler will be in touch about this.</li> <li>- Edgewood College may be open to having some of their land used to allow for a wider sidewalk. Hiam spoke with a couple of the principals. The City will need to explore this with the administration.</li> <li>- Aaron notified the group of new terrace guidelines available from the City. These can be made available at the next public meeting.</li> <li>- Peter suggested using a partnership to get funding for “Welcome to Monroe Street” signage at both ends of the street. Christy noted that there is an annual review for neighborhood amenity funds, usually about a few thousand dollars. Crazylegs would be a great location for signage or some sort of gateway.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Housekeeping</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upcoming ERT meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Continued ERT meetings were proposed as part of the Crazylegs process. ERT members are in favor of meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss Crazylegs and updates on the final corridor design process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- ERT member announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Friends of Lake Wingra fundraiser: Wine and Paint Night on Willy Street, July 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>o PARKing Day is coming up. Purpose is to take over parking spaces for placemaking.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Next ERT meeting: August 9, 5:00-6:30PM, Barriques</li> </ul>	