

Monroe Street Engagement Resource Team Meeting Notes

Date: September 13, 2017	Time: 5:00-6:00pm
Location: Barriques, Monroe Street	Recorded by: Zia Brucaya, Urban Assets
Attendees: Aaron Williams, Robbie Webber, Mary Campbell, John Imes, Christy Bachmann, Ben Yahr, Peter Armstrong, Ken Saiki	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
<p>Monroe Street Reconstruction Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be a Board of Public Works hearing on 9/20. Everyone who will be assessed has been notified. - Residents who will be assessed have received a detailed letter from the city with all key contacts listed. Any questions should be directed to those contacts. People can email Jim Wolfe and/or show up to the BPW hearing. - Urban Assets will set up boards of the final plans for a few hours during Monroe Street Festival on both days. The city will provide a project handout. - Phil Gaebler is requesting permission for the underground stormwater treatment screen structure at Wingra Park at Parks Commission tonight. 	
<p>Crazylegs Plaza & Wingra Park Entrance Re-Design Project</p>	<p>Crazylegs Plaza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ken Saiki shared two design options that will be presented at the public workshop on 9/14. The design team wants to understand whether people prefer the straight bike path or the curvy path, and how the vendor spaces, bioretention and bronze badger should ideally interact. - Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What is the use goal for the future space? More uses and a variety of uses. Could be a place for families to hang out, neighbors to eat lunch, cyclists to meet up, etc. The city has approved the use of moveable tables and chairs in the terrace spaces; this has been shown to work on State Street with very little theft. o Would it be possible to incorporate a fountain to help buffer street noise? The city is not open to maintaining a decorative fountain. o This is a great “gateway” location and opportunity. <p>Entrance to Wingra Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ken shared the proposed redesign of the park entrance. Artist Marcia Yapp will work with the community to design the final mosaics that will be installed. She'll be looking for interested participants and locations to hold meetings/workshops. - Discussion: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wingra School has students and space. Would love to be involved. ○ Put Marcia in contact with the Arboretum and WI Historical Society. ○ What engages this space? Is it a place that people will hang out, or should it focus on drawing people further into the park? It is not meant to be a major gathering spot, but there will be a new bus stop, and people have expressed interest in sitting at this location. It could also be used by people to meet at the bike path. ○ The design feels like too much for the park. Would like to retain the view to the lake and minimize the concrete. At the last workshop, people expressed the desire for a low-impact design with some seating and plantings. ○ Reason for widening the path entrance is to make it easier for cyclists who will be using the park as the main east-west connection with the bike path. If this is the case, create more of a funnel shape where the path meets the sidewalk (curve the joins outward). ○ Are there alternatives to concrete? At this point, either asphalt or colored concrete. ○ Renderings will be available at the public meeting tomorrow. ○ Many people don't know what Wingra Park is. How do we make the entrance more inviting? ○ Look into natural stone forms vs. concrete if mosaic won't be incorporated. The natural stone would create a relationship to the duck pond, Arboretum, and other areas that people ride by along the bike path. ○ When would this be constructed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The city cannot say for certain prior to hiring a contractor and discussing phasing, but the goal will be to try to finish Crazylegs Plaza before the 2018 football season. ▪ ERT recommends finishing the Wingra Park entrance in time for a dedication at Jazz in the Park (around Father's Day in June) or Fourth of July. These are major events in the neighborhood that use the park. 	
<p>Housekeeping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERT member announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Monroe Street Green Meet 'n Eat will be held the day before Monroe Street Fest. The event will take advantage of international PARK(ING) Day and close off the parking lane between Grant & Harrison (south side) for businesses and others to install tables, chairs, displays, etc. - Next ERT meeting: October 11, 5:00-6:30PM – will be organized as a wrap-up celebration and happy hour at The Wise. 	