

## HIA Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

L.E. Phillips Memorial Library, *Eau Claire Room*  
Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 4:00-6:00pm

Present: Audrey Boerner, Barb Powers, Barbara Gosch, Grant Dvorak, Joshua Clements, Mark Mernitz, Ned Noel, Pat Perkins, Todd Johnson, Ray French, Derek Dahlk, Nick Zupan, Phil Johnson

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Audrey called the meeting to order. Introductions of HIA project team and committee members present were made around the room.

### 2. Healthy Community Design Principles presentation

- a. Audrey began with a brief presentation of how individual health is impacted through healthy community design. The group viewed a short video from the CDC explaining healthy community design principles and how they relate to health. Using the video as context, Audrey then explained the goal of the meeting: for the group to discuss and understand connections between proposed redevelopment decisions in the Cannery District and their potential impacts on health. View the CDC Healthy Community Design video here: [CDC Healthy Community Design Video](#)
- b. During the presentation, committee members brought up a few of their recent observations regarding accessibility in the area near the Cannery District:
  - i. Kids in the neighborhood were breaking the Montessori school windows; parents report there is very little for kids to do in the neighborhood, because busy streets prevent children from getting out of the neighborhood safely to other areas for recreation.
  - ii. Another group of children was attempting to cross Madison/Cameron St., and these children ran in front of traffic to cross the street, which highlights the dangerous road conditions in that area, and the lack of pedestrian infrastructure to safely connect children and other individuals to other areas of the city.
  - iii. In a different instance, an individual on a motorized scooter drove against traffic to cross Madison to reach the senior center. The committee member noted again that this highlights the lack of infrastructure for safe travel for those not in vehicles.
  - iv. The group discussed the dangers of crossing near the bottom of the Madison/Cameron St. hill due to heavy traffic and speed.
- c. Audrey then finished her presentation, and invited Phil Johnson to present the proposed public park space plan for the District to the group as context for the discussion. Phil briefly described the 3 proposed park sections that will make up the parks portion of the Cannery District, including: High bridge Park, Cannery Park, and the Cannery Trail corridor park. Phil highlighted proposed ways the parks could be laid out physically, and

different features of each park. Phil noted the parks won't be completed for at least 3 years, but that this appears to be a priority project for our community.

### **3. Discussion & Brainstorm: Healthy Design in the Cannery District**

- a. Audrey broke the large group into small teams to work through and discuss the connections on each "pathway diagram". Pathways for parks & trails, housing development, and transportation were given as handouts to the group. Each group was asked to discuss and identify "What connections are most important?" and "What connections would you like to learn or have more information about?" Groups discussed pathway diagrams for about 45 minutes.
- b. After the small group discussion, each group shared a small synopsis of the conversation. Topics and connections the groups thought were important included:
  - i. Development of parks & trails in the Cannery District
    1. Multi use trails – connections relating to "Access to trails from homes/destinations."
    2. Playgrounds, sports fields, and picnic areas thread – "increased volume of people in area" as it related to physical activity, and social cohesion.
    3. Increasing public park land aesthetics –group discussed adding "increased volume of people" in connection to perceived/real safety through natural surveillance.
  - ii. Development of housing and commercial in the Cannery District
    1. Mix of housing demographics and mixed income (market rate and affordable housing unit) threads
    2. Parking space # and location thread
      - a. Also brought up by this small group was a European term "woonerf", which is a type of street design. These designs feature human-centered design principles and improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This small group shared that these principles may be appropriate recommendations for the Cannery District.
  - iii. Potential use of complete streets design

### **4. Wrap up & next steps:**

- a. Audrey adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6pm**

**Location: L.E. Phillips Memorial Library**