

Eau Claire Area Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Eau Claire County Courthouse, *Room 302*
Wednesday, June 29th, 2016 8-9:30am

Present: Audrey Boerner, Bruce King, Darryll Farmer, David Klinkhammer, Derek Dahlk, Don Bodeau, Grant Dvorak, Jim Dunning, Kathy Mitchell, Lieske Giese, Mel Kantor, Ned Noel, Sarah Carstens

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Audrey called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Introductions of HIA project team and committee members present were made around the room. Audrey provided a brief review of the 6-step HIA process, and described recent work of the project team relating to the Scoping step, as this is the current focus of the project team. Audrey noted within the next few weeks, the project team will be moving into the Assessment phase, which will entail collecting baseline data and reviewing literature related to the top 5 focus areas chosen by the advisory committees. Audrey also gave a brief update of the status of the Cannery redevelopment. Audrey then explained how the two project timelines are complimentary. She shared that a tentative goal of the project team is to have the recommendation phase completed by the end of 2016.

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 then 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 possible redevelopment decisions in the Cannery District and their potential impacts on health. View the CDC video about healthy community design here: [CDC Healthy Community Design Video](#)

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

- a. Committee members used “Pathway Diagrams” (flow charts created by the project team to highlight possible development decisions and possible resulting positive and negative impact on health) to facilitate small group discussion. The pathway diagrams focused on the Top 5 scoping topics: Housing Development, Parks and Trails, Transit & Accessibility, Social Cohesion, Safety & Crime. Each group was asked to discuss and identify “Effects and connections missing from the diagram”, “What connections are most important?” “What connections would you like to learn or have more information about?”, “How may vulnerable populations be impacted differently?”
- b. During large group discussion, the topic of designing the redevelopment area to ideally accommodate traffic flow (optimum number of access points, etc.) was discussed. Audrey noted this question is a good example of the types of research questions the project team hopes to provide recommendations on. Also discussed was accessibility

and connectivity of the Cannery District to the North Crossing highway area and avoiding congestion from thru traffic. Parking availability and walkability were related concerns that were mentioned. Committee members commented that an unintended consequence of limited parking availability in the district could mean more parking would occur in the adjacent neighborhood, affecting the residents who reside there.

- c. After the small group discussions, Audrey brought the large group back together for discussion about what connections each group felt was most important, and brainstorming about possible data sources to help the project team measure these connections.

<p>Most Important connections noted by the committee were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To/through traffic in the Cannery District (accessibility) 2. Transport/complete streets design (increase mobility/decrease traffic congestion) 3. Safety concerns (crashes, injury) with increased uses in area/natural surveillance 4. Housing access (low income, mixed/market rate), homeless population 5. Perception of safety 6. Housing type – mixed 7. Amenities – what needs to be in the area? 8. Access within the Cannery area for existing residents, youth (schools), and elderly 9. Maximizing social cohesion benefits from parks 	<p>Data and possible data sources the committee felt would be helpful to consider included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic count data (between Madison St. and the North Crossing) 2. Kessler/current park usage (By who? When?) – from Dawn at Parks Dept. 3. Housing/Owner income census data – Ned @ City Planning office 4. Bus route and rider data – Transit Dept. 5. Crime data 6. West Riverside Neighborhood plan – for looking at housing conditions, and how far inward into the neighborhood from the Cannery District to look at housing information
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Wrap up & next steps:

- d. Audrey adjourned the meeting at 9:35am.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 18th, 8-9:30am

Location: Eau Claire County Courthouse Room 302