



# CANNERY DISTRICT, EC

## Health Impact Assessment

### **Cannery HIA Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes** **L.E. Phillips Senior Center, 1616 Bellinger St, Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 4:30-6:00 pm**

Present: Audrey Boerner, Chad Duerkop, Barbara Gosch, Phil Johnson, Mark Mernitz, Barb Powers, Dave Sollberg, Cory Streeter, Pa Thao, Pat Perkins

1. Welcome
  - a. Introductions of attendees, project team members, and guest presenters were made around the room
2. Discussion: Cannery Park, Trails, and Traffic plans
  - a. Dave Sollberg, Traffic Engineer for the City of Eau Claire, presented on the current plans for location of the Cannery Park and trail, and discussed the progress that has been made to date to determine the exact location of the trail. The current priority is development of the trail from Madison Street north to the High Bridge, beginning as early as 2017, and completed within the year if funding allows. Safety and health considerations for this development include clearing trees and brush to improve visibility, providing trail lighting, and benches.
  - b. The group also discussed the current traffic patterns through the Cannery District and West Riverside neighborhood, and the options to improve traffic flow and street design to optimize access to businesses and safety. Development or redesign of the streets would occur as additional commercial or residential development takes place in the area. Possible options for redesign include creating two one-way streets, developing roundabouts for better traffic flow, or shifting the arterial street from Oxford to another street. Data is being collected by the engineering department that would help to inform this decision. The HIA project team is also conducting research on how to minimize potential negative impacts and design streets that are safe for people that walk, people on bikes, buses, and vehicles. Preliminary findings from this research will be shared at a future meeting.
3. Eau Claire Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey presentation
  - a. Chad Duerkop, Facility and Program Supervisor for City of Eau Claire Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, presented a summary of the 2016 Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey. Some of the most important amenities identified by respondents included large community parks, trails/bikeways, and neighborhood parks. Additional highlights: nearly 86% of the respondents indicated that they feel safe in city parks; over 70% of respondents indicated the city should increase or keep the same level of funding for parks & recreation improvements. The entire survey can be accessed at: <http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/home/showdocument?id=16224>

**The next meeting for the advisory committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 6:00 pm, at a to-be determined location.**