



CANNERY DISTRICT

Health Impact Assessment

Cannery HIA Eau Claire Area Advisory Committee Meeting **Eau Claire City-County Health Department** **Thursday October 20th, 2016 8:00-9:30 am**

In attendance: Mel Kantor, Daryll Farmer, David Klinkhammer, Kathy Mitchell, Don Bodeau, Sara Carstens, Jim Dunning, Ned Noel, Lieske Giese, Audrey Boerner, Nick Zupan

Agenda:

1. Welcome

Audrey opened the meeting and introductions were made around the room.

2. HIA progress/timeline update

The group was updated on the last 2 months of progress with the project. The project team has been conducting community engagement through one-on-one conversations for over a year. As part of ongoing community engagement efforts, this October, partners at UWEC are surveying residents using the *Neighborhood Environment Walkability Survey (NEWS)* throughout October. This validated survey tool will provide perception data for West Riverside residents and their neighborhood. Students are offering \$10 Chamber Dollar incentives for those that complete the survey. 34 surveys have been collected, and more survey dates are planned. There are about 1400 people in the neighborhood. As of October 20th, 148 households had been approached to complete the survey.

The project timeline was shared and reviewed by the group. Edits to the timeline will be made to reflect additional planned dissemination to the RDA, Plan Commission, Board of Health, and County Planning and Development Board following report release (planned for spring 2017).

Additional 2017 dissemination is planned at Wisconsin Public Health Association meeting (May), and 1-2 national public health meetings, and possible National HIA meeting.

3. Review preliminary research & community engagement findings

The group reviewed a draft version of preliminary findings. Findings were compiled from other research, best practices, and community engagement (*not* including most recent NEWS survey). Audrey asked the group to provide feedback on the level of detail, types of data that might be missing, the balance between primary and secondary data. The group discussed the public plans for the park and trail. The Engineering Department is working on a traffic model to inform street development in the neighborhood and Cannery District. The group discussed that easy access to the park will be critical for seniors, students at the school, and the neighborhood in general.



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Additional data that the team will look into:

- Does sense of place and place attachment correlate with community participation/organizing?
- Do bus shelters increase use of public transportation?
- What is the scale that health impacts might be realized – neighborhood? Community? Basic demographics for West Riverside (number of youth, elderly, racial/ethnic Census data).
- Data from Poverty Summit that may be useful for informing this process.
- Information on traffic accidents in the neighborhood – location and type.
- Results from NEWS survey

4. Wrap up & next steps

Group briefly discussed messaging to the groups identified earlier, as well as possibly sharing in CVTC curriculum. Results should be included in RFP process, but could also be shared more broadly such as through the Homebuilders Assn. Part of messaging should include that considering health and health impacts doesn't have to delay development.

Additional resources discussed at the meeting:

Eau Claire Parks and Recreation 2016 survey: <http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/home/showdocument?id=16224>

West Central Regional Planning Commission Bike/Ped Plan survey & info: <http://wcrpc.org/bikepedplan.html>

City of Eau Claire National Citizen Survey: available shortly at <http://eauclairewi.gov/government/city-council/national-citizen-survey>

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 15th, 8-9:30 am

Location: Eau Claire City-County Health Department