



CANNERY DISTRICT

Health Impact Assessment

Cannery HIA Eau Claire Area Advisory Committee Meeting **Eau Claire City-County Health Department Room 302** **Thursday December 15th, 2016 8:00-9:30 am**

In attendance: Audrey Boerner, Sara Carstens, Trish Chmelik, Chad Duerkop, Jim Dunning, Darryll Farmer, Lieske Giese, Mel Kantor, Bruce King, David Klinkhammer, Kathy Mitchell, Ned Noel, Dave Solberg

1. Welcome

Audrey welcomed the group and introductions were made around the room.

2. Review background data for West Riverside Neighborhood

Dave Solberg, City Engineer, presented on the progress and plans for park, trail, street, and commercial development for the Cannery District. Some of the features discussed include street configuration in the commercial and residential area (one-way vs. two-way streets and the use of roundabouts), pedestrian crossing (underpass vs. cross walks), and street configuration as it relates to the park. Data is being collected for a traffic model to help determine the best design to facilitate pedestrian and car traffic, considering the anticipated growth in the area.

The committee asked follow-up questions about crime data and types of crime in the neighborhood, current condition of the neighborhood streets, and the best way to consider both input from residents and the expertise of city staff as development continues.

The group discussed the information in the background data packets and the preliminary findings that have been compiled by the HIA project team. The committee expressed interest in more detail about crime in the area, and adding the types of crime reports in the area of the Cannery to the background data. The committee also reviewed data on poverty, mental health, rental units, and additional demographic information.

3. Review & discuss additional preliminary research & community engagement findings

The project team partnered with a UWEC class to survey the residents with the Neighborhood Environment Walkability Survey (NEWS) tool. This is a validated tool that has been used in communities across the country. Approximately 70 surveys were completed by residents. This is in addition to the approximately 25 one-on-one conversations that project team members have had with people that live or work in the West Riverside Neighborhood. Data from the NEWS survey should be available early in 2017.

The group reviewed findings from one-on-one conversations, other communities, and research related to social cohesion, neighborhood design, and safety. These findings will be used understand



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potential positive and negative health impacts of the development, and create recommendations to that will maximize positive effects and minimize negative effects.

4. Discuss research scope and next steps

In May, the Eau Claire Area HIA Advisory Committee selected housing as one of the focus areas for the HIA. The project team has focused their research on other priority topics up to this point, such as park and neighborhood design. As plans for the housing portion of the development come to fruition, this group may continue meeting past May 2017 to discuss research and recommendations for housing. The committee will further discuss the need for this in 2017.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 10th, 8-9:30 am

Location: Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Room 302