



# CANNERY DISTRICT, EC

## Health Impact Assessment

### Cannery HIA Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

L.E. Phillips Senior Center, 1616 Bellinger St  
Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 4:30-6:00 pm

#### Attendance:

Phil Johnson, Mark Mernitz, Pat Perkins, Barb Powers, Pa Thao, Josh Clements, Cory Streeter, Christa Cupp, Karen Mumford, Sandra McKinney, Mary Mero, Audrey Boerner, Carleigh Olson, Nick Zupan

#### Agenda:

##### 1. Welcome

Carleigh Olson has joined the HIA project team and will assist in the completion of the HIA. She is a health educator at the Eau Claire City-County Health Dept.

##### 2. Update on Cannery Park planning and development

Ayers Associates has developed an animation of the Cannery District and park redevelopment plans. This design is still flexible and may change, but Phil narrated the flyover as the group watched. The video can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwmZQvUnvts>

#### Reactions:

- The housing that is proposed is in high demand
- What's the connectivity into the neighborhood from the park?
- Is it possible to incorporate a splash pad (interactive water feature) into the design?
- Any of the features that facilitate safety and crime prevention?
  - Developing this corridor is important for safety in this area.
  - Site lines important to establish in this park. View corridors will be important where terrain impedes site lines.
  - Need to establish community "eyes on the park"
- Skateboarders, walkers, and cyclists will all have interest in using the trail who use the trails may deter walkers
  - Can implement design elements to prevent skateboarding in an unsafe manner

#### UWEC NEWS Survey Results, presented by Dr. Karen Mumford

- Students asked residents of the West Riverside neighborhood survey questions focusing on perception of their neighborhood. Questions were about housing, accessibility, proximity to destinations, safety, social cohesion, and other factors
- The data is still being analyzed, and more information should be available by the next meeting

- Preliminary results:
  - Respondents were only adults, equally split males and females, predominantly white (few Hispanic and Hmong community members)
  - People were very positive about their environment and neighborhood
  - Hope to conduct the survey again in 3-5 years to see any changes after the redevelopment occurs.

### 3. Discussion:

#### a. Determining potential health impacts of Cannery District redevelopment

Audrey & Carleigh summarized key findings from one-on-one interviews and other research studies/best practices related to parks, transportation, and neighborhood design. The three health determinants that the group is evaluating potential impacts to are **Active Living, Social Cohesion, and Safety from Crime**. For each of these determinants, the group discussed the direction (whether or not the health determinant will increase), likelihood (the chances of the increase or decrease), and the magnitude (number of people that will be impacted).

Comments that arose during the effect characterization activity included:

- What types of crime are taking place here and what shifts will take place when redevelopment happens here?
- Who are the people (current residents, new residents) that will be impacted by changes to social cohesion, and what population(s) will not feel the same effects as the majority?
- This is an important area for affordable housing, and if redevelopment increases property values, will renters be displaced?

The advisory committee discussed and generally agreed on the effects shown in the table below. The Eau Claire Area advisory committee and the project team will also evaluate effects characterizations, and the Neighborhood Advisory will review before it is finalized.

#### b. Brainstorm recommendations to improve health impacts

This activity was moved to the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 4. Wrap up & next steps

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

Location: L.E. Phillips Senior Center

**Effect Characterization – Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Feb 1, 2017**

Direction

- ↑ – There will be an increase in the health factor
- ↓ – There will be a decrease in the health factor
- ↔ – The health factor will stay the same
- Uncertain – Not enough information to determine direction

Likelihood

- Unlikely – Little evidence effects will occur
- Possible – Effects may occur, but they are not common in other similar projects
- Likely – Evidence suggests these effects commonly occur in similar projects
- Uncertain – Unclear if any impacts will occur

Magnitude:

- Low – Impacts may occur on an individual basis
- Medium – Local, small impacts limited to house-hold level
- High – Impacts occur at neighborhood-wide scale or larger

		Health Factor		
		Active Living (walkability and physical activity)	Social Cohesion	Safety from Crime
Parks – bike trail, structured play, natural areas	Direction	↑	↑	↑ or ↔
	Likelihood	Likely	Likely	Possible
	Magnitude	High	Medium/high	Low/medium
Transportation & Neighborhood Design	Direction	↑	↑ or ↔	↑ or ↔
	Likelihood	Likely	Uncertain at this time	Possible/Likely
	Magnitude	Medium/High	Uncertain at this time	Medium