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Cannery HIA Eau Claire Area Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Eau Claire County Courthouse, Room 302

Friday February 10th, 2017 8 – 9:30 am

Attendance:

Jim Dunning, Audrey Boerner, Carleigh Olson, Kathy Mitchell, David Klinkhammer, Darryll Farmer, Mel Kantor, Chad Duerkop, Lieske Giese, Ned Noel

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

a. Cannery flyover animation

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>

b. NEWS survey preliminary findings

Audrey shared some of the updates from the NEWS survey. UWEC students conducted the survey and asked 70 residents of the West Riverside neighborhood 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. The group had a significant discussion around factors that may increase or decrease gentrification neighborhoods, as well as some of the housing concerns for this area. There was discussion around the supply and demand of affordable housing in the Eau Claire area and the West Riverside neighborhood. There was agreement that the HIA has provided awareness these issues and other potential health impacts to the community.

3. Discussion:

a. Determining potential health impacts of Cannery District redevelopment

In order to evaluate potential health impacts (positive and negative) of the Cannery redevelopment, the group was provided probable scenarios for both the development of the park and for the mixed-use neighborhood. These scenarios guided the discussion around the potential impacts of these designs to active living, social cohesion, safety



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from crime, and injury prevention. Comments that arose during the discussion and activity included:

- Who are the people (current residents, new residents, park users, etc.) that will be impacted by changes to social cohesion?
- Is it possible for injury rates to increase due to the increased number of people in the area as a result of development?
- Is it reasonable to expect that development of this area will have a positive economic impact on the surrounding neighborhood and businesses?

The advisory committee discussed and generally agreed on the effects shown in the table below. The group acknowledged that there are many things that could be implemented to impact active living, social cohesion and crime more and will likely address this in their recommendations.

4. Wrap up & next steps

Next Meeting: Friday, April 7th, 8 – 9: 30 am

Location: Eau Claire County Courthouse Room 302



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Effect Characterization

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 in Eau Claire
- Likely – Evidence suggests these effects commonly occur in similar projects in Eau Claire
- 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	Incidents of Crime
Park featuring a trail, structured & unstructured areas	Direction	↑	↑	↓
	Likelihood	Likely	Possible/likely	Uncertain
	Magnitude	High	High	Uncertain

		Health Factor		
		Active Living (walkability and physical activity)	Social Cohesion	Injuries



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Transportation & Neighborhood Design	Direction	↑	↑ or ↔	↓
	Likelihood	Likely	Likely	Possible
	Magnitude	High	High	Low/medium