Comments Given During 3-16-15 Public Meeting

Neutral Comments & Questions

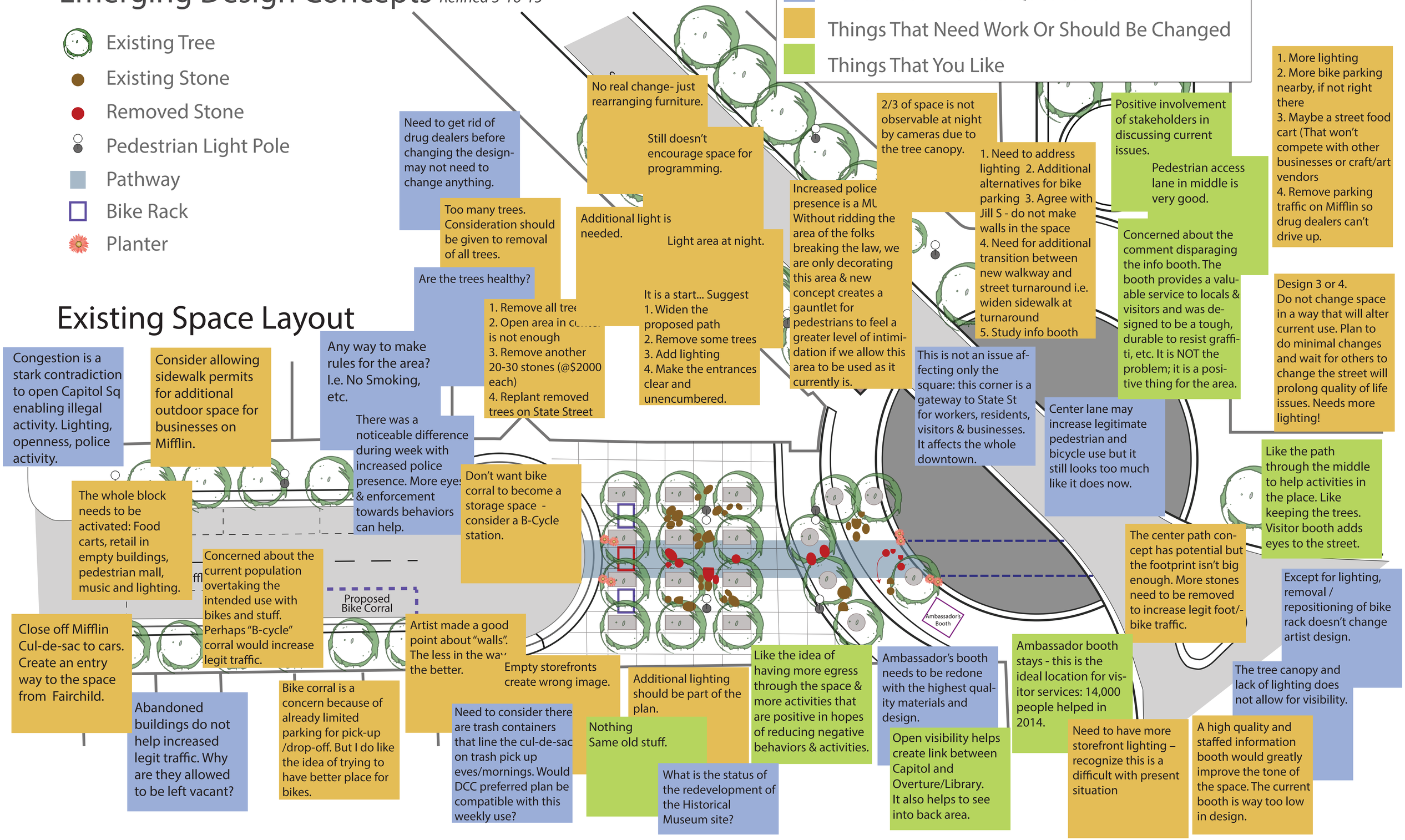
Things That Need Work Or Should Be Changed

Things That You Like

Draft Emerging Design Concepts *Refined 3-16-15*

- Existing Tree
- Existing Stone
- Removed Stone
- Pedestrian Light Pole
- Pathway
- Bike Rack
- Planter

Existing Space Layout



Congestion is a stark contradiction to open Capitol Sq enabling illegal activity. Lighting, openness, police activity.

Consider allowing sidewalk permits for additional outdoor space for businesses on Mifflin.

Any way to make rules for the area? I.e. No Smoking, etc.

There was a noticeable difference during week with increased police presence. More eyes & enforcement towards behaviors can help.

The whole block needs to be activated: Food carts, retail in empty buildings, pedestrian mall, music and lighting.

Concerned about the current population overtaking the intended use with bikes and stuff. Perhaps "B-cycle" corral would increase legit traffic.

Close off Mifflin Cul-de-sac to cars. Create an entry way to the space from Fairchild.

Abandoned buildings do not help increased legit traffic. Why are they allowed to be left vacant?

Bike corral is a concern because of already limited parking for pick-up /drop-off. But I do like the idea of trying to have better place for bikes.

Artist made a good point about "walls". The less in the way the better.

Need to consider there are trash containers that line the cul-de-sac on trash pick up eves/mornings. Would DCC preferred plan be compatible with this weekly use?

Empty storefronts create wrong image.

Nothing
Same old stuff.

Additional lighting should be part of the plan.

What is the status of the redevelopment of the Historical Museum site?

Like the idea of having more egress through the space & more activities that are positive in hopes of reducing negative behaviors & activities.

Ambassador's booth needs to be redone with the highest quality materials and design.

Open visibility helps create link between Capitol and Overture/Library. It also helps to see into back area.

Ambassador booth stays - this is the ideal location for visitor services: 14,000 people helped in 2014.

Need to have more storefront lighting – recognize this is a difficult with present situation

A high quality and staffed information booth would greatly improve the tone of the space. The current booth is way too low in design.

The center path concept has potential but the footprint isn't big enough. More stones need to be removed to increase legit foot/-bike traffic.

Center lane may increase legitimate pedestrian and bicycle use but it still looks too much like it does now.

This is not an issue affecting only the square: this corner is a gateway to State St for workers, residents, visitors & businesses. It affects the whole downtown.

Like the path through the middle to help activities in the place. Like keeping the trees. Visitor booth adds eyes to the street.

Except for lighting, removal / repositioning of bike rack doesn't change artist design.

The tree canopy and lack of lighting does not allow for visibility.

Design 3 or 4.
Do not change space in a way that will alter current use. Plan to do minimal changes and wait for others to change the street will prolong quality of life issues. Needs more lighting!

1. More lighting
2. More bike parking nearby, if not right there
3. Maybe a street food cart (That won't compete with other businesses or craft/art vendors
4. Remove parking traffic on Mifflin so drug dealers can't drive up.

Positive involvement of stakeholders in discussing current issues.

Pedestrian access lane in middle is very good.

Concerned about the comment disparaging the info booth. The booth provides a valuable service to locals & visitors and was designed to be a tough, durable to resist graffiti, etc. It is NOT the problem; it is a positive thing for the area.

1. Need to address lighting 2. Additional alternatives for bike parking 3. Agree with Jill S - do not make walls in the space
4. Need for additional transition between new walkway and street turnaround i.e. widen sidewalk at turnaround
5. Study info booth

2/3 of space is not observable at night by cameras due to the tree canopy.

Increased police presence is a MU
Without ridding the area of the folks breaking the law, we are only decorating this area & new concept creates a gauntlet for pedestrians to feel a greater level of intimidation if we allow this area to be used as it currently is.

No real change- just rearranging furniture.

Still doesn't encourage space for programming.

Need to get rid of drug dealers before changing the design- may not need to change anything.

Too many trees. Consideration should be given to removal of all trees.

Are the trees healthy?

Additional light is needed.

Light area at night.

1. Remove all tre
2. Open area in c is not enough
3. Remove another 20-30 stones (@$2000 each)
4. Replant removed trees on State Street

It is a start... Suggest
1. Widen the proposed path
2. Remove some trees
3. Add lighting
4. Make the entrances clear and unencumbered.

Don't want bike corral to become a storage space - consider a B-Cycle station.