

Public Input Meeting

February 16, 2015

Potential Downtown Public Restroom

Agenda

- Introductions
- Background
- Overview of Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee Efforts
- Recommendations
- Questions and Comments

Introductions

- Susan Schmitz, Presenter
President of Downtown Madison
Chair of Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee
- Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee Members
- City Staff

Background

- \$300,000 in Capital Budget to fund one or more public restrooms in the downtown area
- Downtown Public Restrooms Staff Report Accepted by Council on 7/16/2014
- Creation of the Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee to recommend to the Council and Mayor proposed locations, design and operation aspects of one or more public toilet in the downtown area
- Temporarily installed Porta-Johns at State Street Parking Ramps and outside City County Building

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts

- Overview of Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee Efforts
 - Mapping of existing public restroom infrastructure
 - Restroom facility comparisons
 - Focus groups
 - Survey of restroom user issues at Bethel Homeless Ministries Day Center
 - Research on expanding Lisa Link Visitor Center hours of operation
 - Signage examples

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts • Map of Existing Facilities



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Map of Existing Facilities

Map #	Location*	Hours	Facility Type	Building	Restroom Sanitation Unit
1	Development Bank Parking Structure	No Public Restrooms			
2	City of Portland Public Building	No Public Restrooms			
3	Madison Municipal Building	Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Permanent Stand Alone Restroom	X	
4	Madison Municipal Building	Evening and Weekend Hours	Permanent Stand Alone Restroom		X
5	Portland, Hill & Taylor	No Public Restrooms			
6	Madison Public Library	Mon - Fri 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Permanent Stand Alone Restroom	X	
7	Madison Public Library	Evening and Weekend Hours	Permanent Stand Alone Restroom		X
8	Madison Public Library	Mon - Fri 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Permanent Stand Alone Restroom	X	
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14	Madison Public Library	Mon - Fri 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Permanent Stand Alone Restroom	X	
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*Map facilities based on building hours. Madison Public Library facilities are integrated with building but can be accessed directly from the building entrance.

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Restroom Facility Comparisons

- Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms
 - Portland Loo
 - Victoria, BC Men's Urinal
 - Self Cleaning Public Restroom
- Non Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms
 - Porta-John
 - Restroom Trailers
 - Men's Only Portable Facilities
- Embedded Restrooms
 - Lisa Link Peace Park Visitor Center
 - Future Development Project

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Restroom Facility Comparisons

Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms

Portland Loo

Installation Cost: \$\$\$
Maintenance Cost: \$\$

- Advantages and Disadvantages
 - Does not require attendant
 - Low maintenance
 - Design deters unwanted activities
 - Successful aesthetics
 - Comfortable in inclement weather
 - Portable
 - Economical
 - Potential for a trial period
 - Includes sink
 - Accessible restroom options
 - Requires modification for Wisconsin climate
 - Requires utility infrastructure
 - Not immediate solution



- Example Locations
 - Portland, OR
 - Victoria, BC
 - Salt Lake City, UT (Design Phase)
 - Esquimalt, BC
 - Ketchikan, AK

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Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms

Victoria, BC Men's Urinal

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- Example Locations
 - Victoria, BC

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- Example Locations
 - Victoria, BC

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts
Restroom Facility Comparisons
 • Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms
 • Self Cleaning Public Restroom

Installation Cost: \$\$\$
 Maintenance Cost: \$\$-\$\$\$

- Advantages and Disadvantages
 - MAY not require attendant
 - Low maintenance
 - Design MAY deter unwanted activities
 - MAY have successful aesthetics
 - MAY be comfortable in inclement weather
 - Portable
 - Economical
 - Potential for a trial period
 - Includes sink
 - Accessible restroom options
 - Requires modification for Wisconsin climate
 - Requires utility infrastructure
 - Not immediate solution




- Example Locations
 - San Francisco, CA
 - New York, NY
 - Boston, MA
 - Vancouver, BC

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts
Restroom Facility Comparisons
 • Non Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms
 • Porta - John

Installation Cost: \$
 Maintenance Cost: \$

- Advantages
 - Does not require attendant
 - Low maintenance
 - Portable
 - Economical
 - Potential for a trial period
 - Accessible restroom option
- Disadvantages
 - Requires modifications for Wisconsin climate
 - Not comfortable in inclement weather
 - No sink attached
 - Negative perception
 - Poor aesthetics
 - Safety and vandalism concerns




- Example Locations
 - Madison, WI
 - Minneapolis, MN

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts
Restroom Facility Comparisons
 • Non Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms
 • Restroom Trailers

Installation Cost: \$\$
 Maintenance Cost: \$\$

- Advantages
 - MAY not require attendant
 - LOWER maintenance
 - Portable
 - Potential for a trial period
 - Includes sink
 - Accessible restroom options
 - More welcoming than Porta-john
- Disadvantages
 - MAY not be comfortable in inclement weather
 - Not comfortable in inclement weather
 - Requires electrical hookup
 - Vandal proof options not readily available
 - Safety and vandalism concerns




- Example Locations
 - Madison, WI
 - Minneapolis, MN

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts
Restroom Facility Comparisons
 • Non Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms
 • Men's Only Portable Facilities

Installation Cost: \$
 Maintenance Cost: \$

- Advantages
 - Does not require attendant
 - Low maintenance
 - Design deters unwanted activities
 - Portable
 - Economical
 - Potential for a trial period
 - Uses minimum amount of space
- Disadvantages
 - Not comfortable in inclement weather
 - No sink attached
 - Men's urination only
 - Negative perception
 - Modesty, privacy concerns



- Example Locations
 - Victoria, BC

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts
Restroom Facility Comparisons
 • Embedded Facilities
 • Lisa Link Peace Park Visitor Center

Modification Cost: \$-\$\$
 Maintenance Cost: \$\$-\$\$\$

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- Disadvantages
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Overview of AHDPRC Efforts
• Focus Group Discussions

- January 6, 2015 Invited Members of the Homeless Services Consortium
- January 20, 2015 Invited Members of Madison Central Business Improvement District

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts
• Survey

Distributed on 1/26/2015 at Bethel Homeless Ministries Day Center to 38 residents

Top Responses:

- Where do you sleep?
 - Emergency Shelter – 27, Street – 15
- What time of day is it difficult to find a restroom?
 - Generally equal, except 5pm – 10 pm was least difficult
- What do you do when you can not find an open restroom?
 - Streets/Bushes – 22
- Do you use the Porta-johns located by the city and county?
 - City- County Building – 21, Near Lower State Street – 11, Near Lower Fairchild – 10
- Where would a good location be for a 24/7 restroom?
 - State/Mifflin Streets area – 9, Anywhere/all over - 6

Overview of AHDPRC Efforts
• Cost Estimate for Expanding Usa Link Visitor Center Hours

- Central Madison Business Improvement District Downtown Ambassadors
 - Currently provides 2,171 annual staffing hours
 - To provide additional 1,623 hours would cost \$22,217
- 30 Day Trial Period
 - Up to approximately \$20,000
- Annual costs for Twenty- four Hour Open Facility
 - Up to approximately \$180,000 for City to staff

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• Signage Examples

Recommendations?

- Way finding signage
- Expanding hours of existing public facilities

Questions and Comments