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Meeting Minutes - Approved EMERSON EAST-EKEN PARK-YAHARA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

6:30 PM

Bashford United Methodist Church
329 North Street

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Arthur M. Hackett; Adrienne Sella; Douglas J. Buege; Aaron E. Onsrud and Daniel S. Grubb

Excused: 1 - Amy L. Klusmeier

City Alders and Staff: Alder Larry Palm, District 12; Linda Horvath and Ryan Jonely, City of Madison Planning & Community & Economic Development

APPROVAL OF February 25, 2015 MINUTES

A motion was made by Buege, seconded by Grubb, to Approve the February 25, 2015 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Gassere, E. Mifflin St. attended the meeting.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

1. [32851](#) Plan Development

- David A. Albino has resigned from the Steering Committee.
- Focus Areas: DRAFT Conceptual Site Plan Alternatives
Staff presented draft site plans that were revised by the consultant for: 1) E. Washington Ave. and North St., 2) the corner of Sherman Ave. and the Yahara River, and 3) the area bounded by Fordem Ave., Sherman Ave. and McGuire St.

E. Washington Ave./North St. Focus Area

- Site 1: four-story mixed-use building with 10,000 square feet of first floor retail space and 25 surface parking stalls; three residential stories with 18 residential units, 6 surface and 17 underground parking stalls.
- Site 2: four-story mixed-use building with 11,600 square feet of first floor retail space, 29 surface parking stalls; and three residential stories with 30 residential units, 4 surface and 34 underground parking stalls.

Steering Committee Discussion

Discuss in text of plan the option of incorporating the property to the north of Site 1 and including one entrance from E. Washington Ave.

Corner of Sherman Ave./Yahara River

- Site 1: two, four-story multi-family buildings along Sherman Ave., 45 units each, 100 underground and 35 surface parking stalls. There is also a new public street through the property bordered by 16 duplexes, 32 units, a community building, and 57 on-street parking stalls. There is a 55 plot community garden in the northeast corner of the property and Tenney Park is expanded into the site incorporating the existing woodlot. There are demarcations for future road connections to the adjoining properties and paths leading to the Yahara River Parkway.
- Site 2: retain existing office building and develop four residential buildings on the east side of the property with four stories each, 112 residential units, 168 parking stalls including 108 underground and 60 surface parking stalls.

Steering Committee Discussion

It is important to preserve the trees along the river and include community gardens. The four duplexes along the south side of the public street could be eliminated and Tenney Park expanded into this property. There should be road access to the community garden for dropping off garden supplies like tools, mulch and water. A composting facility could be included, and co-housing should be an option.

Sherman Ave./Fordem Ave. Focus Area

- Site 1 - mixed-use building to the north is five stories with 14,000 square feet of retail/office space on first floor, and 87 residential units on floors two through five; building to the south is four stories with 11,600 square feet of retail/office space on first floor and 42 residential units on floors two through four. Parking - 184 stalls - 84 underground. There is a landscaped walkway leading to the park through center of the parking lot.
- Site 2: 63 surface parking stalls for Webcrafters.
- Burrows Park: 14 parking stalls added along Harbort Dr. to replace stalls lost with closing of Sherman Ave. and Warner Dr.

Steering Committee Discussion

Consider re-orienting the northernmost mixed-used building so that residential units do not entirely face north. Additional parking stalls could be added along Burrows Rd. to serve the expanded park, similar to the new stalls shown along Harbort Dr.

- Gateway Corridors: DRAFT Concepts
To create identity and branding for the Eken Park neighborhood, staff presented a draft concept for the intersection of East Johnson St. and East Washington Ave. Enhanced landscaping, a refurbished neighborhood sign, and public art are featured.
- Draft Plan Parks and Open Space Chapter
Demetral Park - Add a bike/ped path around perimeter of park, as well as a path along Pennsylvania Ave. between the fence and road. Consider adding skylights to the park shelter, public art on walls, and connect the shelter to an outdoor space - similar to the Tenney Park shelter. The lack of trees in this park is disappointing. Consider adding a row of trees between the bike path that parallels Hoard St. and the concrete drainage way.

Butterfly gardens would be a good addition and could be educational for area schools.

Anne Gassere, a Co-Chair of the Emerson East Neighborhood Association, indicated that the Emerson East Neighborhood Association continues to maintain the berm and will be installing a monarch station facing Commercial Ave.

Gassere also indicated that EENA has many ideas for public art and identification of the neighborhood that she will provide to City staff for distribution to the SC.

Neighborhood identification could be eligible CDBG projects. Potential CDBG projects should be drafted in the next month for inclusion in the draft plan.

Burr Jones Park - put pedestrian crossing of railroad tracks as number one on the list or recommendations.

The SC will rank the recommendations in order of importance.

Recommendation #7 should include more of the places where programming should occur. For example, add all of the planning area schools.

Move recommendation #6 under the McCormick Park recommendation list.

On the existing parks map, move the McCormick Park heading to the correct location.

The Eken Park Neighborhood Association has submitted an application to the City Planning Division's Neighborhood Grant Program for a micro-park to be established at the corner of Commercial Ave./North St. It could include benches, bike racks, a neighborhood sign, and landscaping.

The Eken Park Condo Association has commented that their group opposes the micro-park idea as they have too many issues already with people cutting through the green space at this corner damaging the grass, throwing trash and otherwise creating nuisances.

2. [32852](#)

Next Meeting

- March 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Bashford United Methodist Church, 329 North St.
 - SC member vacancy
 - Recommendations from EENA for public art and neighborhood identification
 - Draft Plan Chapters

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Grubb, seconded by Buege, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Funding for the Emerson East-Eken Park-Yahara Neighborhood Plan project is supported by the City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.