



Downtown Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2022

Present: Steve Rubin, Christine Jeffries, Tom Miers, Brien Nagle, Greg DeGeeter, Joe Costello, Doug Krieger, Patrick Kelly, Katie Wood, Danielle Tufano. **Via Zoom:** Rick Hitchcock, Kaylin Risvold

Staff & Guest: Katie Rubush, Yifang Lu, Shannon Kunicki, Mike Panas.

The minutes for the August 1, 2022, DAC meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made by Doug Krieger, seconded by Greg DeGeeter, unanimously approved.

Upper Parking deck Updates: Steve asked about the ongoing issues with the upper parking decks in the downtown. Doug stated that with extra patrol things have seem to slow down, however, in the later months of the year there seems to be less trouble.

Washington St. bridge update: Doug Krieger shared that since the two-lane closures on the bridge, there really has been no difference in traffic. They have issued eight tickets for being over the 8-ton limit. There will be no temporary fix at this point due to the bridge being in a flood plain. Yifang Lu explained that IDOT will be awarding the bid by November 18, 2022, with an anticipated start date of March 2023 and go through 2024. It was brought up that the light at Main and Aurora needs to be looked at with the new traffic pattern. The light is too long which creates major backup on Aurora Ave. City staff said they would have the transportation dept investigate it.

Voluntary Historic Landmarking: Naper Settlement is currently going through the NapervilleLandmark.com website and will provide feedback for any changes they may have. The change in ordinance has not made its way through the city staff. They are looking at December to have Naperville Historic Preservation group look at it as well at the planning and zoning commission. The P&Z commission will then make a recommendation to the city council for approval.

Library Parking Deck: Nothing new to report.

Wayfinding Signage: Rick Hitchcock shared with the committee that the task force has selected Hitchcock Design Group (No affiliation with Rick Hitchcock) to move forward with the wayfinding design and implementation. They are looking to have a kickoff meeting before Thanksgiving.

Washington Street Streetscape Concepts: Yifang Lu and Katie Rubush from the TED department at the city presented to DAC three different concepts as to what is being presented for the Washington streetscape project that will coincide with bridge replacement project. The construction is set to start in the spring of 2023 and be completed by the fall of 2023. The streetscape will cover the east and west side of Washington St from Chicago Ave to Benton, and a small piece along Main Street and Van Buren. Option one included an 8 ft. concrete walking area with curb planters and benches. Option 2 included a 6 ft. walking area with seat wall planters. Option 3 included a 6 ft walking area and narrow raised curb planters. They are asking for feedback and for the committee to send a letter of recommendation as to which option they would prefer. One of the main suggestions that was brought up was to keep parking

on Washington St. as well as looking at the timing of the crosswalk signals at Van Buren and Washington St. After much discussion and suggestions, the consensus was to move forward with Option 3 with a recommendation, to add planters where appropriate on the street to act as barriers. Brien Nagle made a motion to recommend option 3 with the additional recommendation to City Council, seconded by Christine Jeffries, unanimously approved. The next item is to choose between the 3 options for the Main St and Van Buren streetscape. Option B showed the most consistency with what has been done on Main St already. Brien Nagle made a motion to recommend option B, Tom Miers seconded, unanimously approved. A letter on behalf of DAC will be sent to City council to recommend option 3 with the recommendation of additional planters where appropriate, as well as option B for the Main St and Van Buren piece.

Washington Streetscape SSA update: An additional SSA is being set up for this streetscape project. The city still needs to get out and talk to the property owners along the project limits. The SSA would cover 40% of the project cost and the city would cover the remaining 60%. The SSA does not need to be approved before starting the project.

Agenda items for next meeting: Chess tables in downtown, would be a nice amenity for downtown only concern is the maintenance moving forward in 2 years. Continued discussion will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Downtown Parking – utilizing private spots after hours, was tabled until the next meeting. The Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan will also be presented at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.