

Memorial Park Stakeholders Meeting

January 9, 2019

Attendees: Rich Paluch, Scott Witte, Robert Williford, Barbara Saks, Mike Clauson, John Laramy, Pam Bassi, Sue Hupp, Mark Carlson, Kerry O'Brien, Paula Barrington, John Wilt
Williams Architects – Andy Dogan, Tom Poulos
Wheaton Park District – Rob Sperl, Brian Morrow

Summary of items discussed

- Landscape plan including new plantings and info about removals
- Possibility of City making Hale St., one way and re-configuring parking spaces to be angled and adding 4 - 5 more spaces.
- Stormwater Progress – permeable pavers, detention, native plantings, urban planter boxes, DuPage County water quality grant, OSLAD grant
- Programming plans – existing vs. proposed; still in progress
- Park Access/Parking
- Bandshell revisions
- Materials Selection Examples
- Next Steps – Budget review, Special use permit, grant notices, building permitting, bidding, questions.
- Next meeting – February?

Feedback Received

Landscaping

- Not enough trees on the East side of the park by the existing parking spaces; due to city plans for parking; park district can only plant within park.
- Will the hedge north of the parking lot remain – it is not shown on the plans? There is no intention of removing this hedge and we will maintain or replace it as necessary.

Parking/Street reconfiguration

- Is it a good idea to make Hale St. one-way and reconfigure parking spaces to be diagonal and add 4 – 5 spaces.? Park district follow up with city on concerns.
- Will food trucks still park on Wheaton Ave? Will there be enough room for them? Will they also park somewhere else? Fence will have removable panels to allow set up of food trucks in various locations. Power is what determines existing location but can be upgraded.
- What are the limitations of the city hall parking lot? Could a parking garage go there? We will discuss this with the city.

Bandshell remodel

- How will the ramp to the bandshell look? Will it be obscured from view with plantings/landscaping? There is a planter planned in front of it with plants to be determined. Likely a tall uniform ornamental grass.

- How can we deter skateboarding on the ramp? Deterrents will be incorporated throughout the park.
- What type of HVAC in the building? Will it be used all year long? All interior spaces will be conditioned throughout the year to maintain the building and prevent freezing of systems.
- Are we adding new electric service to the building? Yes, there will be a new service.
- What will the small stage on Karlskoga look like? How big is it? What will it be used for? The stage will be very small and used just for events that happen along Karlskoga such as the annual bike event or race finishes.

Stormwater

- Where will the water from in front of the bandshell go? Drains will be along the front of the stage and water will be directed to the underground storage.
- Where will the water in the underground storage tank go? This will empty into the storm sewer system slowly.
- What is the underground storage tank made of? Likely concrete.

Fencing/Access

- Where will the fencing be going? Fencing is currently planned for the west and south sides of the park.
- What will it look like? Currently we are looking at a design similar to what was installed around the Central Athletic Complex fields. It is a black aluminum picket fence style.
- Concern over not enough openings for access to park. Individual sections of the fence can be removed if necessary.
- Concern over pedestrian traffic flow through park. Existing access points to the park will be maintained and stage access will be improved.

Construction

- When would project start and finish? We are starting sometime after the 2019 Taste of Wheaton in early June and plan to be finished for the 2020 Taste.
- What is the daily construction window? This is regulated by the city of Wheaton and is from 7am until sunset. Based on past construction experience, we expect they will likely finish around 3pm each day.
- How will we select contractor? We are still exploring options, but it will some sort of competitive process.

General

- What months are events being held? Winter time? Additional events? This is still being discussed.
- What type of lighting is planned for the park? This is still being planned, but anticipated to be similar to what is existing.