

**NAPERVILLE DOWNTOWN ADVISORY
COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY - APPROVED
May 12, 2016 – 3:00 P.M. – Meeting Room B**

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Staff Present:	TED –Allison Laff, Jennifer Loudon, Bill Novack																																																
	<p>Ana Spiteri Erin Stoutshoger, DuPage Children’s Museum Tim King & Geoff Roehll, Hitchcock Design Group Debbie Grinnell, Naper Settlement Joe McElroy</p> <p>Michelle Kelly, Liz Dafoe, Paul Cureton: P2C/Upland Design Group</p>																																																
II. Approval of Meeting Summaries																																																	
3/10/16 Summary	<p>Motion By: Gustin Second By: Frank</p> <p>Minutes approved (5-0); 1 abstention (Nagle).</p>																																																
III. Discussion Topics																																																	
<i>Downtown Streetscape Study</i>	<p>Ashley Hagen provided an overview of the history of downtown streetscape improvements and planning efforts to date. Rubin asked about next steps following DAC’s review of the proposal. Hagen noted that DAC and DNA’s feedback will be incorporated into the revised recommendations which will be presented to the public</p>																																																

for feedback. Following the public input, the recommendations will be further refined, brought back to DAC for recommendation, and then to City Council for final review.

Jeffries asked for information about implementation. Loudon noted that the City has asked the consultant to establish a priority for streetscape implementation; however, no specific funds have been included in the CIP at this point to pay for streetscape reconstruction. Rubin noted that the adopted streetscape plan can be used to trigger requests for future CIP funding.

P2C/Upland Group presented preliminary findings and recommendations pertaining to the Downtown Streetscape for feedback (powerpoint attached).

Cureton asked DAC to discuss areas of the downtown that feel uncomfortable today. Zangler – locations with A-frame signs; areas along Washington Street while parking is restricted during early evening (the absence of cars makes it feel unprotected to pedestrians).

Gustin – in other downtowns where sidewalk abuts heavily trafficked roads, chained bollards are often used to provide separation between cars and pedestrians (i.e., Jimmy's example today).

Rubin – Jefferson Avenue in front of Eddie Bauer.

Zangler – there is a give and take between wider sidewalks and loss of on-street parking spaces.

Andersen noted that brick pavers are difficult to walk on in heels. Jeffries noted similar concerns for elderly customers with walkers, strollers, etc. Gustin noted that stamped concrete may be an option to address some of these concerns. Loudon noted that pavers are easier for purposes of maintenance and replacement (vs. stamped concrete which is very difficult to match).

Frank noted the importance of water fountains within the downtown.

Roehll asked if lighting was inventoried. Cureton noted that the City has an inventory of lighting in GIS. Roehll – part of design scope? Cureton noted that shepard's crook will stay; however, LED lighting is being investigated. Roehll asked about signage. Cureton noted that wayfinding was not included in the scope of work.

Rubin noted that the existing litter/recycling receptacles are not used appropriately today; trash and recycling are not separated. Staff will look into this.

Rubin asked if we have a policy on the street trees in downtown, i.e., are they cut down when they reach a certain diameter? Loudon noted that trees are removed when dying, but that they are kept in place as long as possible. Jeffries noted that trees have historically been kept out of the downtown due to their impact on business visibility; we should consider a policy that relocates trees offsite once they become so large that they obstruct views. Kelly noted that maximum heights should be considered, as well as tree trimming policies. Gustin noted the value that trees bring to the downtown – there should be a balance between all uses. Grinnell noted that a

list of acceptable tree species should be developed so that only trees of the appropriate size and fullness are planted in the downtown.

Rubin – where did the playful bike racks come from? Staff indicated that they were supplied by the rotary. Gallaher asked how many people bike to downtown? There is a dichotomy of uses - we want people to bike downtown, but we don't want them to bike within the downtown. Where will the bike racks be located? Louden noted that there are limited bike racks located throughout the downtown; the majority are located within the parking decks. Jeffries noted the importance of clearly identifying bike racks so that users know their purpose.

Frank asked how pergolas were treated in the inventory. Kelly indicated that they were treated as “cultural items” which would require special City approval before future installation.

Rubin asked what the plan is for lighting on the Riverwalk. Novack noted that there is no plan to change the existing shepard's crook lighting on the Riverwalk. Louden noted that lighting changes are not being considered due to the high cost of their replacement; however, DPW is currently considering LED lighting upgrades and better maintenance of the existing domes will be considered to improve their aesthetics.

Kelly gave an overview of the proposed paving standards.

Rubin – what is recommended: clay or concrete paver? Kelly indicated that both are similar in terms of purchase cost, installation cost, salt resistance, maintenance, etc. The biggest difference between the two options is the look.

Nagle – will the tan accent strip make newly installed areas look significantly different than today's existing streetscape? Kelly noted that the accent paver will help to take the streetscape to a better look than exists today. Zangler noted that there is a concrete accent area that exists today.

King – would the sidewalk all be pavers? Or will there be areas with standard concrete only? Kelly noted that the all paver option is being pursued at this point, which is particularly helpful from a maintenance perspective (i.e., replacement due to utility breaks). McElroy –what about the issue of women in heels? Kelly noted that it is highly important to install correctly and maintain to minimize these issues from occurring.

Zangler noted that he prefers Option B.

Rubin noted that one material offers a more comfortable and consistent pedestrian environment (vs. concrete and brick split that exists today). He personally does not prefer the tan border because it makes flaws/shifts more obvious; this is less

noticeable with a monochromatic color palette. Tan materials also tend to show dirt/gum more.

Poll of DAC members: equal members like the tan border and don't like the tan border.

McElroy – can you address the comment that the long-term cost is greater if the tan border is included? Kelly – that is a good question to ask DPW.

King noted that he personally prefers the clay pavers. Cureton noted that the PSI of the new materials is far superior to the materials within the current streetscape. King noted that color seems to fade within concrete pavers, while clay pavers have some issues with salt that require cleaning.

Gustin – what does DAC prefer to be the dominant feature in the downtown? Should the streetscape be what people are noticing? Or should it be the backdrop that highlights the buildings, art, people, etc.

Roehll noted that clay pavers were used in the Joe Naper park; there have been some issues with salt. The Riverwalk amphitheater also provides an example of the older brick paver vs. more modern brick paver technology.

Kelly gave an overview of the streetscape types and the 2030 streetscape types map vs. the proposed streetscape types map.

King – festival street – intended for temporary closures for special events only?
Kelly – yes.

Gallaher – why wouldn't the shepard's crooks lighting be added to the transitional area? Kelly – there are some existing in those areas today – they could definitely be proposed for transitional areas moving forward. Zangler – should sidewalk width be increased to 8' in transitional areas as well? Frank/Gustin – noted that these areas are less customer driven and therefore don't demand as wide of a sidewalk. Gallaher – wider sidewalks might concern downtown residents that the downtown is expanding into their neighborhoods. Rubin noted that the downtown plan intended to clearly demarcate the residential neighborhoods from the downtown retail. Kelly noted that everyday pedestrian use in residential areas does not demand an 8' wide sidewalk area.

Nagle – if redevelopment occurs, is it expected that the streetscape is upgraded to the adopted standards? Louden – yes.

Kelly gave an overview of the festival street, alleys, paseos, and parking lot pedestrian corridors.

Louden noted that next steps will be to hold a general public meeting. DAC will be

	invited to that meeting for additional input.
IV. Correspondence / Updates	
	Rubin updated the commission on the parking summit planning meeting that was held on May 6, 2016 and noted that more information will be forthcoming on this topic in the coming weeks/months.
<i>Next Meeting</i>	August 11, 2016
V. Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn Approved unanimously.
Adjourned	5:00 p.m.