

**NAPERVILLE DOWNTOWN ADVISORY
COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY - APPROVED
September 8, 2016 – 3:30 P.M. – NEU**

Call to Order	<u>Time:</u> 3:35 pm																																																						
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Staff Present:	TED –Allison Laff, Jennifer Louden, Bill Novack, Ashley Hagen																																																						
	Bill Hamik & Mike Belgio – eTuk Jennifer Bridges, Naper Settlement Jim Hill, Resident and Senior Task Force member Dee Dee McDevitt, DuPage Childrens Museum Don & Jane Brooks, Residents Vince Rosanova, Resident Katie Wood, Downtown Naperville Alliance Michelle Kelly, Paul Cureton: P2C/Upland Design Group																																																						
II. Approval of Meeting Summaries																																																							
5/12/16 Summary	Motion By: Frank Second By: Costello Minutes approved (8-0).																																																						
III. Discussion Topics																																																							
<i>eTuk</i>	Bill Hamik presented information to the DAC (including a handout) regarding the eTuk transportation model he is proposing to serve downtown and the areas immediately adjacent. eTuk vehicles can accommodate up to 6 passengers; rides																																																						

from the train station would be proposed at \$5 and rides within the downtown core would be free (tip to drivers only). This form of transportation would fill the gap for short rides that would be currently undesirable for taxis or Uber drivers.

Rubin – how many vehicles would you expect to deploy? Hamik noted that 2 are already on order and expects that longer term 4-6 would be desired.

Miers – where would drop-off/pick-up occur in the downtown area? Hamik noted that the valet areas could serve this use well. At minimum, pick up should occur at the end of the block, not mid-block. Locations would need to be finalized but they are typically hailed by customers like a taxi.

Costello – how long could people be expected to wait while these vehicles make trips back and forth, particularly while only 2 vehicles are available? Hamik noted that this is a concern – they will have an app to pre-arrange pick-ups which should help. Hamik believes the garages will be a popular pick-up location.

Miers – if rides are free, how do they make money? Hamik indicated that money is made through advertising on the vehicle. This is what is done in Denver.

Jim Hill asked how accessible these vehicles are for all residents, including those with disabilities. Hamik noted that the proposed vehicle will have 2 steps to aid in the ability for users to climb in. Hamik also noted that rain flaps will be added to the vehicles to allow them to run about 10 months per year (but they will not provide service in weather under 30 degrees or in snow).

Hamik noted that eTuk may be ideal for wedding parties as well.

Rosanova asked what happened to the pedicabs? Katie Wood noted that it was not financially worthwhile to the father/son team that brought them to downtown.

Miers – where are the vehicles made? Hamik – Thailand. They are electric vehicles that can be charged in 20 minutes and last 70 miles. Most will not require charging during the night; however, they could be plugged into one of the City's charging stations.

Jeffries – NDP loves this idea. It could connect the Children's Museum on the north and Naper Settlement on the south and would encourage more remote parking. Jeffries encourages local advertising and discourages the advertising of competitive retail centers outside of Naperville. Hamik – understands that local advertising is the preference and focus.

Schatz – what are the anticipated operating hours? Hamik – 5 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. but shuttles could be run all day long.

Miers – when are you hoping to be up and running? Hamik – they are scheduled for

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Streetscape Study***

TAB on October 1, 2016 and then City Council after. Hamik is hopeful to be up and running by Thanksgiving.

Jim Hill – transportation concerns were a key concern raised by seniors. This could be a great opportunity for seniors except that the current hours of operation are not really geared towards the senior community. Hamik noted that they could certainly include hours for seniors.

Rubin noted his opposition to the inclusion of any moving signage on the proposed vehicles. Hamik noted that he is happy to work with DAC as this moves forward to refine the signage that would be included.

Costello noted his preference for designated pick-up/drop-off areas vs. allowing users to hail the eTuk in the middle of the street and cause traffic delays.

Jeffries made a motion in support of eTuk in the Downtown; Hitchcock seconded the motion. Costello noted that the logistics should be reviewed as this moves forward. Hitchcock noted that they are endorsing the concept, not necessarily the specifics. Approved (8-0).

Ashley Hagen, Project Manager, provided an overview of the Downtown Streetscape Study, including background, public meetings/feedback received, revisions made, and final recommendations.

Paving Option:

Hitchcock – do we have unit costs for Option A vs. Option B? Michele Kelly noted that Option B is less expensive, but not significantly less expensive due to installation of paver banding. Hitchcock questioned whether the paver band is on a rigid or flexible base? Kelly noted that it is flexible, as proposed. Hitchcock noted that he would discourage the brick banding in Option B due to cost, increased difficulty to install, future settling, etc. If we consider concrete, then there should be more of it – eliminate the banding at the building edge and consider eliminating it in other places, such as at the street.

Hitchcock – are we still considering clay and concrete? Novack explained that staff is recommending the use of concrete pavers.

Jeffries – Option B is very similar to existing streetscape installed at Main Street Promenade. It is very attractive and very comfortable to walk on.

Rubin – how will concrete sidewalks be impacted by continuous construction occurring in the downtown? It seems to be easier to undertake these changes with brick pavers than with concrete. Hitchcock noted that pavers do have settlement over time, but they are very easy to fix. With concrete, new panels clearly stand out from existing. Novack noted that concrete addresses the walkability concern, which was raised many times by the public.

Louden noted that Option B clearly delineates the pedestrian zone vs. the amenity zone. Hitchcock noted that there may be areas where the concrete comprises the majority of the streetscape provided based upon the available width of certain segments.

Costello – where will these streetscape types apply to? When? Will we address the potential widening of streetscape along Main Street? Louden indicated that all are planned to be addressed today.

Frank noted that Option B is reflective of feedback received. It also has the benefit of blending with newer streetscape segments existing in the downtown today.

Kelly asked if DAC would accept pavers if the concrete had an integral rigid core for it to be placed on. Hitchcock noted that yes that would be an acceptable option.

Jeffries moved that DAC endorse Option B without the paver banding at the building or street. Hitchcock seconded.

Katie Wood would recommend not placing any paver banding against the building wall – this may conflict with storefront renovations made as new tenants occupy spaces in downtown. Wood supports the other proposed paver banding areas.

Jeffries noted that the bands make the sidewalks appear narrower; a wider sidewalk is a friendlier perception for pedestrians.

Rubin – his preference is to minimize the transition between new and old streetscape areas – the two should not look distinctly different. Wants to confirm that the Option B is acceptable to our utilities? Novack – yes, either can be replaced/repaired.

Miers – is there any concern with pavers at the corners from a comfort standpoint? Hitchcock – it's a trade off between comfort and aesthetics. Frank noted that the corner doesn't have the same primary purpose of walkability as the sidewalks do.

Jeffries amended her motion that DAC endorse Option B without the paver banding at either side of the sidewalk, but included at the street. Hitchcock seconded the amendment. (Approved, 8-0)

Prior to the motion, Nagle questioned why DAC would continue to recommend the tan paver at the corner since it is not used elsewhere in the downtown. Hitchcock noted that this change would not be as obvious to an everyday user.

Hitchcock – questions re: lighting: Will the existing post stay? Hagen - yes. Hitchcock asked staff to confirm that the light shown is just an example. Hagen – yes. Hitchcock is supportive of a complete change in downtown lighting – he believes the current light is a mistake; however, he doesn't believe the existing poles

are tall enough to meet desired photometrics. Hitchcock encouraged the City to continue to examine changing the pole base if necessary.

Jeffries – existing wifi in downtown is weak and some units are currently on the light poles. If there is a way to address this through the updates, that would be good. Louden noted that DPW is aware of this concern.

Hitchcock made a motion that DAC endorse the concept that the existing downtown light fixtures be retrofitted with more energy efficient, color corrected, communications-enabled fixtures. Second by Miers. (Approved, 8-0)

Streetscape Types:

Hitchcock – south side of Aurora Avenue – intentionally omitted. Should streetscape be proposed for the south side of Aurora Avenue from Washington to Webster since this is an entrance into the downtown? Rosanova indicated that the residents in this area are very protective of their neighborhood and prefer to distinctly separate their neighborhood from the downtown.

Frank – understands why the festival street was reduced in size based on public feedback. However, during Last Fling for example, all three blocks of Jackson were used. Laff noted that limited improvements could be made to Jackson to make it more compatible for festivals; however, staff is only recommending the full improvements to the limited stretch of Jackson based on lesser impact to parking, vehicular circulation, etc.

Hitchcock – North Downtown should be shown as transitional so as to be clearer in the messaging – Rubin concurs. Hitchcock also concurs that Jackson from Webster to Washington should be shown as festival.

Jeffries – what is the transitional proposed as? Hagen noted that it was proposed as sidewalk with paver banding on either side; however, given feedback on downtown streetscape, this may have changed. Jeffries noted that it may be appropriate to consider a corner improvement in the transitional area? Hitchcock – would lighting in transitional area be consistent with downtown? This should be further investigated.

DAC reached concurrence that the transitional streetscape prototype should include standard concrete sidewalk with red paver corner enhancements.

Louden recommended that the North Downtown be designated as downtown streetscape but that adjustments can be made in the moment based on what is actually proposed through redevelopment. *DAC concurred.*

PRIORITY MAP:

Hitchcock – the priority map should only reflect the top priority so as not to dilute the conversation. We should focus on the areas that need our highest attention over

	<p>the next 4-5 years and leave the rest off.</p> <p>Louden clarified that this map will be used in conjunction with the existing conditions map and planned CIP projects to create the Maintenance and Rehabilitation Plan.</p> <p>Rubin – these considerations are multi-dimensional – functionality and safety are highest priorities and should be considered along with streetscape segments that are key to the downtown. Kelly noted that this map is a tool to help create the next step.</p> <p>Jeffries concurs with the priority map, as shown.</p> <p>Miers made a motion to endorse the Priority Map as shown; Costello seconded. (Approved, 7-0)</p> <p>Nagle indicated that the map should have a footnote that streetscape must be installed with new development regardless of priority level. Louden concurred with this recommendation.</p>
IV. Correspondence / Updates	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	October 13, 2016 – streetscape, continued.
V. Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn Approved unanimously.
Adjourned	5:39 p.m.