

DATE/TIME: September 10, 2014

LOCATION: DPW, Frank P. Zeidler Municipal Building, Room 501 City of Milwaukee

PROJECT: Copernicus Park Master Plan (14-188)

PARTICIPANTS: Zafar Yousuf (ZY) – City of Milwaukee DPW
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ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Date Required	Responsible Party
Update Project Schedule	9/19/2014	Tim Thur & TERRA
Finalize Date for Next Task Force Mtg.	9/19/2014	Tim Thur & TERRA
Retrieve and map locations of recorded flooded properties	9/19/2014	Zafar Yousuf, Don Janicki and TERRA
Further evaluate level of protection available by combining Copernicus Park and area east of 20 th Street	9/19/2014	TERRA
Open House Advertisement	T.B.D.	TERRA and County Parks Marketing Department

DISCUSSION: The following items were discussed and agreed upon by all parties listed above:
 Schedule:

1. TT stated that the deadline for the grant for the two homes scheduled to be razed has been delayed until June 2015. This allows more flexibility in the Master Plan schedule. TT and Terra will coordinate to update the project schedule.

2. TT requested a meeting of the Task force before the public open house to be scheduled. TERRA will follow up with TT to schedule a specific date.
- Review of August 13, 2014 Public Workshop:
3. PN reviewed a summary of the public workshop and presented the matrix summary to highlight the priority topics that were discussed at the public workshop.
 4. PN noted that the Copernicus Park Master Plan website has been made available for the public. Website address: www.copernicuspark.com
 5. JD confirms that one of the basketball hoops have been removed from the court since the public workshop. This modification has been reported to have reduced the amount of unwanted activity in the park.
 6. TW notes that many people that have been affected by the flooding issues, but were not present at the workshop.
 7. JJ & DJ & TW state that the last flooding event occurred in 2010. They also stated that the first meeting that was held for flooding issues took place in 2008. DJ stated that the main flooding events took place in 2000, 2008, and 2010.
 8. JJ & DJ stated that there is recorded data of the properties that have been affected by flooding. TERRA will follow up with city to retrieve information to incorporate into the Master Plan.

Project Goals & Objectives:

9. GK stated that the initial goal was to create a mitigation plan with in the park to allow for the two homes that were purchased to be saved.
10. After review of the available storm water protection in park, the task force agrees to have the preferred alternative incorporate storm water detention in the park, and on the lots that were purchased by the city on the east side of 20th Street.
11. TW stated that the master plan's main goal is to accommodate all the needs of the residents, and this includes meeting the required amount of protection from storm water flooding.

Storm Water Strategies:

12. Two storm water alternatives were presented to the task force.
 1. Alternative A included a boardwalk and retaining wall along one side of the proposed detention pond
 2. Alternative B proposed a more naturalized surrounding edge with 3 to 1 slopes.
13. JD & JK stated that the natural bank alternative is the preferred storm water strategy. The city agreed with this statement.
14. The task force reviewed the level of protection offered by the area available in the park and the area east of 20th Street. The original goal was to provide a 100-year level of protection. The area in the park offers an estimated 60 - 70 year level of protection, and the east of 20th Street offers an estimated 20 - 25 year level of protection, based solely on the volume of storm water detention available.
15. The task force discussed options such as solid liners, gravel bases, and synthetic turf to provide optimum drain down time in the detention pond.
16. The task force discussed the option of utilizing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation owned land for detention. This alternative would require close collaboration with WisDOT.

Evaluation of Three Alternative Strategies:

Three design alternatives were presented to the task force. In the three alternatives, the two different storm water strategies were incorporated.

1. Copernicus Theme.
2. Garden District Theme.
3. Recreational Sports theme.

Discussion on Alternatives:

17. The general consensus was that the Copernicus theme was generally the preferred alternative. JD stated that County Parks would like the preferred alternative to include low maintenance where feasible. The preferred design should incorporate environmental enhancement of the woods, stream restoration, updated paths, and exercise stations, to be paired with the Copernicus theme and open green space. The city agreed with this statement.

18. JH and TW stated that they would like the preferred alternative to include designated areas for landscape plantings that could be maintained by the community if the residents are interested in this amenity.
19. JH stated the design should consider Disk golf.
20. JH stated that he is currently working with a metal sculptor that could potentially be used to incorporate art at Copernicus Park.
21. JH stated the preferred alternative should incorporate educational components that include rainwater education.
22. JJ & DJ state that currently more informal recreational sport activities take place at the park, and the preferred alternative should incorporate enough open space to allow for these more informal events. These areas should not be designated/programmed fields.
23. TW stated that additional parking is not needed and should not be incorporated in the preferred alternative.
24. DJ stated that modifying the basketball court to be two half courts should be added to the preferred alternative. The City and County agreed with this statement.

Next Steps & Review:

25. TW and DJ provided contact information for CM to be included on the Task Force committee.

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*If this memo does not accurately reflect decisions and directives discussed, please contact me within five (5) working days.