

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



DATE: February 17, 2021, 2p-4p

RE: Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

LOCATION: Zoom

PROJECT: Riverside Adventure Park

ATTENDEES: Bob Getts, Dave Benson, David Watson, Deb Lawrence, Eric Miller, Esther Earbin, Jenny Cash, Katie Dorsey, Maunah Wadud, Michelle Brittain-Watts, Nigel Long, Scott Salmon, Teddrick Hardy, Tyrone Chandler, Yuri Smith, Mike Treez
Indy Parks: Julee Jacob, Phyllis Boyd, Don Colvin, Tony Johnson, Andre Denman, Don Miller
Design Team: Ron Rice, Elizabeth Wallin (GWI); Sarah Evans, Don Staley (V3); Brianna Metzger, Rod Reid, Nikki Schier (RLR); Steve Zabel (Meticulous Architecture); Andy Minton (HCO); Jeff Mader, Laura Huggler (Mader Design), Hannah Fleck (JQOL)

Steering Committee Feedback – this includes comments made during the feedback period and within the meeting chat tool.

- Dave W – is River Zone parking based on peak demand? Suggest looking into a climbing wall feature at the fitness zone.
- Dave B – Fence along Cold Spring Rd?
 - o Jeff M explained removal.
- Dave B – likes the fonts; loves cup plant idea; likes first shelter design at Nature Center; likes wetland zone; would like better connection to Ecolab; are the bike amenities (e.g. pump track) being addressed?
- Bike amenities being addressed?
 - o Sarah E explained those will be in future phase.
- Scott S – Wants to use green infrastructure to manage stormwater. Are there run-off mitigations planned for the large new parking lot and pavilions? That's a lot of new impermeable surfaces that will contribute to erosion and degrade water quality if not managed appropriately.
 - o Sarah E - impervious surface runoff requirements will be met to manage the stormwater runoff.
- Tyrone Chandler – no comments
- Tedd H – no response
- Dave W – Please comment on the rationale for ending the path prior to the awesome overlook north over the 18th green to the Velodrome.
 - o Jeff M - I think the intention is to maintain the trail on the upland at that overlook area, but remove the extremely steep path. At the bottom of the steep hill, Sarah's group will be connecting to that end and looping back to other existing trails. All paths in the upland and bottomland will loop back to connect to each other and up the elevation change through the switchback connection up the steep grade so everything is accessible.

- Dave W - Thank you for that, Jeff. Note that “steep” is desirable for many people. And rare in Indiana. The design shows 8 switchbacks on the east side of the hill ... which is so many it’s laughable - I expect people to walk around it.
- Julee - But necessary especially if you're in a wheelchair.
- Bob G – is the exercise trail the same size as what was presented in the Concept Plan?
 - Sarah E confirmed that it is approximately the same.
- Is the plan eliminating 30th St access?
 - Jeff M – that will come in a later phase.
- Bob G – what is size of area designated for future Soap Box Derby facility?
 - Jeff M – basing this on the Concept Plan and in discussions with Rod Reid who is part of the planning vision for the facility.
- Bob G – likes curvilinear shelter at River Zone.
- Maunah – will shelters have Wi-Fi accessibility?
 - Sarah E – we are exploring options for Wi-Fi.
- Nigel – Would like to review hard copy.
 - Sarah explained it will be sent to the steering committee along with the video recording.
- Eric Miller – Loves reuse of existing features; it’s hard to pull out from White River Pkwy W Dr. to 30th St.
- Esther – Is accessibility addressed in signage (e.g. braille)?
 - Brianna M explained thoughts on QR code and multilingual opportunities for signage;
 - Andy M explained about accessibility for shelters and pedestrian facilities.
- Dave W – is there too much parking at River Zone? Is the parking area at Racing Zone enough? Suggests climbing wall, maybe at exercise trail. Suggests zipline somewhere. Extend beauty of EcoLab into the adventure park.
- Michelle B-W - I need to log off for another meeting. I will follow up with questions at a late time. When will the presentation be available to share?
 - Sarah E - we will share the recording and slide deck with you all tomorrow.
- Bob G - Are there restrooms in the fitness trail area?
 - There are no restrooms planned in the fitness trail area at this time.