

**Downtown Environment Work Group
Meeting Notes**



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12:00 p.m. September 18, 2016

Present: David Brockshus, David Carney, Ragen Cote, Glenn Ellis, Sarah Fish, Bob Fitch, Terry Glade, Dawn Kimmel, Brent Ruch, Denise Salem, Matt Salvatore.

Glade welcomed the group and the group began giving reports on the three major areas; Riverfront Connections, Pedestrian/Transportation, Green Elements.

Riverfront Connections: Salvatore shared layouts of the riverfront project and one for pedestrian and bicycle circulation. Virginia Street will stop at the frontage road, but would allow for pedestrian access underneath. Other points of entry for pedestrians would be Pierce Street and Floyd Boulevard. The road along the riverfront would remain in place; however, it would be barricaded unless vehicular access is needed (events, snow removal, etc.). The Smithgroup JJR will produce a final report in October and then the focus group would continue meeting monthly. They are also doing the work on the Pearl Street Park, possible meeting on the 18th. This group also meets on the 18th, so we will try to coordinate meeting times.

Pedestrian/Transportation: Carney described the need for a ADA plan for all downtown crosswalks. Other communities are being forced to complete these projects, so we need to have a plan in place for our approach. All new work being done on streets include working on the ramps as part of the ADA process, however, it is difficult to work in areas where an areaway is present. There is a map of areaways and we will need to work on a map of where these changes need to be made. Carney and Ellis will work up a CIP sheet for the project for the next meeting. Other areas discussed were the two-way conversion and wayfinding. Wayfinding is something that will need to be worked on soon, so a meeting will be set with Glade, Brockshus, Jill Wanderscheid and Jeff Hanson at the city to look at moving forward.

Green Elements: Fish reported on a litter campaign being organized for the sprint. The group discussed having something done prior to the winter, possibly hiring for litter pick up or organizing a project soon. Kimmel mentioned the Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride initiative and will share more information. A master timeline of all green space projects will be created and shared with the public. Parklets were discussed and we will need to find a way to work with snow removal and maintenance, whether they are removable or not.

Next meeting: **Riverfront Connections:** The group meeting may be combined with the Riverfront meeting with Smithgroup. Salvatore will work on this. **Pedestrian/Transportation:** Carney and Ellis will bring back a CIP sheet for what is needed to complete downtown ADA access compliance on the crosswalk ramps and a report back on a meeting with Hanson and Wanderscheid at the city for wayfinding. **Green Elements:** Fish and Cote will work on a timeline and reach out to Melissa Campbell on a quicker option.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 18 at 12:00 p.m. at CMBA (302 Jones St. #200)

*subject to change to meet with Smithgroup.

