

FPSE Infrastructure Committee

10.2.2024

Guests: Eric Eiler - RMHC Vice President, Operations

Committee members: Allen Levin, Julie Birkenmaier, Dan Doelling, Nathan Raymond, Tyler Wildermuth

Alderman Michael Browning

Park Central Development: Gabe Lepak, Brian James

Old Business

Discussion on RMHC & Chouteau Park

Julie Birkenmaier -

- Gave prior history of the committee and previous neighborhood actors
- Gave prior history of committee's discussions on expanding the park's resources, including a shade structure
- Dan Doelling reached out to the executive director of the Cherokee CID
 - provided contacts and references for Arbolope Studio & Patterhn Ives who would be resources for design builds
 - Additional suggestion of Mark Mangapora, AIA

Michael Browning: No response from the City Parks Department yet on the prior action item to verify the funding that was originally earmarked for this project.

Committee & Eric Eiler Questions

- Programming: Is there an online system that we can tap into for scheduling and reservations? MB to investigate in future discussions with Parks dept
- Timeline? No timeline has been formally set for this project.

Eric - RMHC is excited by having the park nearby. RMHC is currently in searches for a new President, and has executive meetings every Tuesday.

RMHC is interesting in contributing to the conversation and the park.

Questions:

- Was the basketball court the most recent development? Yes, recently.
- Additional planning beyond the structure?

Committee brought up prepared slides to show the history of the park

Dan gave a walkthrough

Allen - Exercise equipment on northmost side was originally chosen for it's accessibility for all, but due to mis-handling has been installed in a location that is not very accessible

Julie - we've seen people holding memorial services in the park

Julie - What is the average length of stay for residents in the RMHC House?

- just under 30 days, but there are residents of much longer, up to a year
- They want to focus on normalcy - having a park, having a neighborhood, both fortunate for families
- Varied, all family structures and ages

Crosswalk Survey

Dan Doelling conducted a crosswalk survey and tracked ADA compliance and crosswalk placement for every intersection in FPSE.

- Context
 - City will not place crosswalks unless it's ADA compliance, according to federal law.

- Ideally this supports many at once to be the first step towards scheduling the city to come out and do a major set.

Discussion on city paving and requesting process.

Key takeaways from the crosswalk survey?

Action Items:

- Committee action item to identify three priority crosswalk intersections in FPSE each from Dan's map, and discuss on 11/6.
- Committee to have a future discussion on potential speed reduction
- Committee to review provided materials from Julie B on ideation of the park's facilities

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6th