

# FPSE Infrastructure Committee

## 6.05.2024

Committee Attendees: Dan Doelling, Allen Levin, Tyler Wildermuth

PCD Attendees: Abdul Abdullah, Brian James

Guests: Kaitlyn Smith (representing Alder. Browning)

### **Prior Business**

Abdul and Brian agree to approval of the Bylaws and Code of Conduct edited last session

### **Continuation of Park Planning**

#### **Historic Context of Pavilion and Park Planning**

- Chouteau Park was originally WashU land & was traded to the neighborhood for the land next to Barnes and the pedestrian walkway
- Originally there were two leading pavilion location proposals:
  - Foot of the hill
  - Closer to the playground (current and most recent agreed-upon location)
- Alan: Suggests the Committee go to the park and look at locations, physically see where we think it should be placed.
- The original surface for the basketball court was intended to be synthetic but concrete was installed
- Potential need for additional signage in the park, such as a distance marker for the path loop (which is an even quarter-mile)

- The prior committee (including Cammie) orchestrated the trees for the walkway, might be room for new ones
- This committee looked via google maps at a park on north Skinker for a comparison of potential - St Vincent Greenway Tailhead Park on North Skinker

### **Discussion on a Partnership with Ronald McDonald House**

- Do we want to build a collaboration with the RMHC?
  - Dan: Suggests we do it after we have a list of community engagement requirements or outputs of community engagement surveys
- Abdul: In prior discussions with RMHC, they've wanted us to provide them with an ask and can provide us with various resources
- We might want to see if they can provide support for placemaking & design, or whether they have requirements they'd like to see
- There is an open-house next week for the RMHC opening where we might be able to find a contact for park collaboration and re-engage them
- **Ensuring Community Input - Potential ideas for gathering community requirements**
  - PCD can host a Shred-it event and help to gather information on the park goals
  - Neighborhood Association - Use the Great Gathering and/or Dog Days (July 13th) events
  - There was a survey conducted in Feb 2023 that might be usable for this or informing a future survey

### **Committee changed discussion to the Dog Park**

- There is a level of administration to operating an official "Dog Park" that PCD is aware of
  - *Committee briefly mentioned that this is in reference to the distinction of an official "Dog Park" vs another name (i.e. Dog Run) that doesn't come*

*with administrative burden, vaccination checks, membership, etc.*

- May want to use the Dog Days event in July 13th to get ideas for updates/requirements for the dog park

### **Committee changed discussion to Pavilion**

To get the pavilion in, is that really the one we want?

- Important to get a design in there
- Committee had a sentiment of using RHMC timing to “be a flagship among neighborhood parks and get this right”

Discussion of a potential subcommittee that can be park-focused, with the goals of:

- Making connections with RHMC and other neighborhood partners
- Getting comprehensive and obtainable designs
- Building the park in alignment with the design (rather than piece by piece)

*Discussion was left tabled*

### **Project Sidewalk - Kaitlyn Smith**

The Committee Mobility Committee has engaged Project Sidewalk to begin pilots in STL.

Link here: <https://sidewalk-st-louis.cs.washington.edu/>

- From an online portal, users can digitally analyze city sidewalks to report their condition. This will support the city's understanding of sidewalk health.
- The website has quick training built-in
- Currently, only Ward 3 is included in the pilot, but there are plans to expand city-wide.
- Alder Browning has already requested that Ward 9 be included
  - Ward 3 is open, trial run

- The current process to repair sidewalks is a 50/50 solution, which is not proactive and is not well prioritized.

### **ToDos and Outstanding questions from committee meeting:**

- Should we create or solicit the creation of a Park Development subcommittee to spearhead Chouteau park efforts?
- Should we begin engagement with the Ronald McDonald House? There may be an upcoming Open House event - do this committee know the date for the event?
- Should we create surveys to gather community input for potential DogPark improvements during the Dog Days event on July 13th?