

FPSE Infrastructure Committee

3/5/2025

Attendees: Tyler W, Dan Doelling, Julie B

Eric Eiler, Gabe Lepak

Ald. Michael Browning

Discussion Opening with Patterhn Ives discussion held yesterday, 3/4/2025

Discussion items for the committee - do we want to pursue Patterhn Ives proposal, the prior Nathan Dimberger proposal, or neither.

Outstanding Question: Is the money available from Parks usable for design work?

Discussion

- There are 4 phases of cost: Pre-design, design, construction, maintenance
 - To determine: Usage and management - i.e. booking and ownership of the facility management in the park

Considerations

- Payment structure
 - Nathan is willing to do the work without payment up front
 - Patterhn Ives would require 25k prior to fundraising
- Comprehensiveness
 - The committee agreed that Patterhn Ives' proposal felt much more comprehensive and deep, including landscaping, but at a 10k extra cost
 - Patterhn Ives stressed additional things, including topography, available grants, previous bids, approvals, etc that demonstrated a level of thoroughness

- Reservation and bookings
 - Parks department has a process now to handle phone calls and sell permits for usage
 - Additionally, electricity and upkeep

Dan raised Francis Park has a Friends of Francis Park

- May be the future of Chouteau Park management

Legislative Roadblocks?

- Are there any legislative roadblocks to changing the park?
- Ald. Browning does not believe so.

Approval Processes and Permitting to Build?

- Patterhn Ives would provide us with things to look for in the construction process, approvals needed
- Patterhn Ives does the permit, subcontracts, and/or cooperates with contractors

Committee agreed that Patterhn Ives is the frontrunner and to communicate our next steps with them

Julie: Is there anything this summer in the neighborhood that would allow for community engagement?

- Michael - Chouteau Traffic study is projected, which might lead to a dual-purpose opportunity

