

In Attendance: James Cappleman, Monique Curet, Michael Brown, Sandy Olson, Heather Gleason, Julie Smith, Kim Du Buclet, Maria Stone, Pat Reardon, Melanie Eckner, Scott Baumgartner, Chelsea Biggs, Katharine Boyda

1. Introduction

- a. The park district and architecture firm are not in a full-scale design process yet. That will happen once they know what the park patrons want and local organizations are interviewed through additional community meetings.

2. Project Update—Julie Smith and Heather Gleason

- a. Currently the CPD is in the process of a “Feasibility Study” - The feasibility study is the first cut of the project to determine what options the community, park organizations, and other identified groups currently use and/or want to see in the future of the building (they did it at Gately on the Southside).

i. Scope:

1. Who does what:

- a. Williams is lead on the project.
- b. Bauer Latoza was hired to do historic preservation.
- c. ROE (sp?) Hired to do structural engineering
- d. Landscape architecture, Altamanu

2. Cost estimate with contingencies built in for programming with different options – new building and renovation

3. Structural assessment wasn't a part of the study – just conceptual study. Structural assessment has been done, so it wasn't necessary this time. Julie stated the building was assessed as structurally sound.

4. Chelsea asked if the feasibility study was decided upon in order to explore the option to demolish, to see how likely it is? Answer: Yes.

ii. Schedule:

1. April CPD decided to do a feasibility study and the first step was the tour of buildings last May

2. May – Clarendon PAC toured existing CPD buildings: Ellis Park, Tom Ping Park, and Women's Park

3. July – Kick off meeting with Williams; Alderman & CPAC invited for final hour of 4 hour meeting. Decided on September community meeting

4. September 26, 2018 meeting held. Not well received by the community.

5. Original plan had Oct 2018 as next meeting & wrap-up options in Nov

- a. Because of negative feedback in September meeting, CPD reassessed project timeline and improvements needed for community engagement process

- b. Two more community meetings will happen after the holidays

iii. Outcomes

- 1. Skipped over this section of the agenda

- b. Outcomes of September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Sixty-six (66%) of meeting attendees want the community center to be renovated**
  - i. Went through handout (attached) prepared by CPD as summary from meeting feedback.
    - 1. Train display is actually not a display – it’s a working layout with active programming associated with it.
    - 2. How will the CPD reassess the communities’ priorities for the community center?
      - a. Community Center space and rooms included current park programs and usage as a starting point for design.
        - i. Design presented at September 26 meeting needs to be more clearly articulated with better images/renderings to help people connect designs to current building and community uses
        - ii. Heather – maybe Sandy/Mike can share this at next meeting
- 3. Phased-In Renovation—the Clarendon Park Advisory council maintains its original request for a phased-in building renovation based on green, sustainable practices and materials.
  - a. Why the CPAC supports a phased-in renovation--
    - i. Option would build an addition that improves circulation, water management issues, and allows park programs to continue while construction happens.
    - ii. Preliminary rendering for addition done by Dave Urschel, architect and GCRR member presented. Heather/Julie agreed to set up meeting with Dave to discuss his design.
    - iii. A phased-in approach gives us the opportunity to seek additional funding on specific future phases of the project.
  - b. How the CPD sees phased renovation
    - i. Additions have only been done on small buildings, so they’d have to see if it’s able to happen here.
    - ii. Park programming would never stop – they would partner with other city entities to hold space (Uplift, Brenneman, Truman, etc.)
- 4. Funding
  - a. The park district has a \$30 million capital budget citywide
    - i. Most grants don’t go for current building renovation.
    - ii. Gov. Quinn allocated \$50 million for park districts across the state. Rauner froze those immediately. With new admin, we could see additional state money.
    - iii. Grants are available that Clarendon could fit in. Coastal Program grants (lakefront) , 5-star grant (storm water management focus) available. Heather said CPD has applied for coastal grant and not received it in the past. No response to 5 Star grant idea.

## 5. Next Steps

- a. Would like smaller community meetings before next community meeting with at least the following (this list off top of heads, CPAC will send more ideas and info in follow-up):
  - i. Smaller meetings with people in parks during the day
  - ii. Garfield-Clarendon Model Railroad Club
  - iii. Lakeside Neighbors Block Club
  - iv. Clarendon Park Neighbors Association
  - v. Preservation Chicago, Ward Miller
  - vi. Parents from Brenneman
  - vii. Lakeview Towers Board and residents—4550 N Clarendon
  - viii. Kuumba Lynx
  - ix. Fitness Club members
  - x. Various sports organizations that rent fields
  - xi. Meet with Dave Urshel about his thoughts on potential renovation
- b. Have a meeting prior to next community meeting to help with schedule/presentation with alderman's office, CPAC
- c. Looking at January, or February, for next community meeting (with one more to follow)
  - i. Offer options for phased-in renovation existing fieldhouse, with break-down on costs for Phase-1
  - ii. Have option to build new building, with specific location
  - iii. Include costs for both to give community a better idea
- d. Last community meeting would include fly throughs to finish out the feasibility study (as suggested by Pat Levar in April 26, 2018 meeting with Ald. Cappleman, CPAC, and other area stakeholders).