

Streetscape Taskforce Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 7:05 pm – 9:45 PM



Attendance

Taskforce Member	Present
Bill Ackerman	No
Rachelle Barimany	Yes
Kathy Philpott Costa	No
Barb Cram	Yes
Kwafo Djan	No
Diane Duggan	Yes
Steve Knight	Yes
Anne Norloff	Yes
Mike Novotny	Yes
Andrew Painter	No
Ruth Rodgers	Yes
Tim Stevens	Yes
Dan Sze	Yes
Dennis Szymanski	Yes
Dave Tarter	No
Keith Thurston	Yes
Bob Young	Yes
Cory Firestone Weiss	Yes

Staff Member	Present
Kate Reich	Yes
Paul Stoddard	Yes

Others Present

none

Agenda

1. Administration
 - a. Approval of September 13, 2016 minutes
2. Continue discussion on Street Sections, Tree Pits/Plantings, Street Furniture as needed
 - a. Proposed Sidewalk Sections Map
 - b. Cross sections for secondary streets
3. Discuss Additional Elements selected from prior meeting
 - a. Flexibility for stormwater management
 - b. Crosswalks
 - c. Sandwich boards
 - d. Guidelines for Outdoor Dining
4. Begin consideration of existing ordinances and needed ordinances
 - a. Draft Memo/Recommendation to Council
5. Review updated draft Report (no updates since referral to Boards and Commissions)
6. Review any early feedback in from Boards and Commissions

1. Administration

The group made several corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

2. Continue discussion on Street Sections, Tree Pits/Plantings, Street Furniture as needed

The group discussed the draft map of streets beyond Broad and Washington for which to specify widths and standards

Scope

The group discussed the scope of this map. The group agreed that the map was in scope for the following reasons:

- the non-Broad and non-Washington streets could still be commercial and so relevant for discussion
- the standards need to address how to deal with the pieces that connect to Broad and Washington

Map

The group agreed on the following color changes:

- Lawton Street should be yellow up to the end of the commercial lot
- S Maple Ave should be purple
- Purple should have an 18' setback
- Hillwood Ave should be yellow between S Washington and the Homewood Suites / Larry Graves Park
- Haycock Rd should be red
- S West St should be red

- Wilson Blvd should be red
- Roosevelt Blvd should be red along Eden Center and yellow otherwise
- Broad St near 24 Hour Fitness should be red
- South St and Hillwood Ave near 24 Hour Fitness should be yellow
- Park Ave should be Yellow
- Staff should update the map and include a name of street types to define what function/purpose the setbacks serve

Yellow

The group discussed how much setback was appropriate for side streets and how to break it up into amenity, pedestrian, and building space. After reviewing the staff draft cross sections, the group agreed on the following:

- 16' is the right depth for yellow streets
- The space should allow comfortable space for two people to walk side by side and space for sidewalk dining
- The space should provide 5' amenity space, 6' pedestrian space, 6' building space

Brick Coursing

The group agreed that brick coursings between planters and the concrete curb should be turned to provide 8" of space between the planter and the curb.

Park Ave

The group discussed how to treat Park Ave. Options included following the Park Ave Great Streets report, showing the street as yellow, following the West Broad Small Area Plan, and calling for additional green space in the building zone. The group agreed to show the street as yellow with an asterisk for neighborhood focus.

3. Discuss Additional elements selected from prior meeting

Crosswalks

The group discussed frequency and treatment of crosswalks. Options discussed included:

- Frequency of crosswalks, every 250', every 300', every 400'
- Use of lights/signs
- Use of speed tables
- Pedestrian leading indicators

The group also discussed how sidewalks in these standards would relate to crosswalks called for the small area plans

The group agreed to add language to the plan that speaks to crossings every 250 feet, including special materials, and flashing lights. Midblock crossings in particular should include special materials and flashing lights.

Stormwater Management

The group agreed that standards should focus on things like maximum planter wall size and minimum soil depth. This would ensure that the streetscape standards focus on how the planters function within the streetscape and allow flexibility for change in best practices.

Stormwater mitigation features could be considered for tree planters provided the measures do not impact the spacing, style, aesthetics of tree planters otherwise described in the standards.

The group expressed concern about showing photos that aren't consistent with all elements of the standards.

Crosswalk Ramps

The group discussed the orientation and materials of crosswalks and the use of curb extensions/bump outs.

Sandwich Board Signs

The group agreed to review regulation of sandwich board signs at a later meeting.

Sidewalk Dining

The group agreed to read the materials in the package for a later discussion.

4. Begin consideration of existing ordinances and needed ordinances

See next section.

5. Review updated draft Report (no updates since referral to Boards and Commissions)

Staff presented a draft referral memo back to Council that describes the work of the group and breaks down the group's recommendation into what's included in the draft standards and what needs further review.

6. Review any early feedback in from Boards and Commissions

No early feedback to review.