Parks and Public Landscaping

Advisory Board

Agenda

Thursday, July 11, 2019
Louisville City Services
739 S. 104th St.
7:00 PM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Staff Updates
5. Board Updates
6. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
7. Median Landscape Renovations Phase I Concepts, presented by Design Concepts
8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
9. Adjourn
Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 6th, 2019
Louisville City Services
739 S. 104th St.
7:00 PM


2. Approval of Agenda: Unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes: Approval with update of roll call; Diana Gutowski was present at the May PPLAB meeting.

4. Staff Updates
   a. Next month’s meeting will be on July 11, 2019.
   b. Parks key indicator updates coming soon. These updates will also include a rating for medians.

5. Board Updates
   a. Budget discussions will start in July.
   b. Changes to PPLAB coming in November. Susan Loo is term limited and will be leaving as our staff liaison in November.

6. Public Comments on Items Not on Agenda: Michael Fargano (Louisville’s Bocce facilitator) shared the need for court and rail repairs/upgrades, maintenance as well as signage. Michael requested to be placed on the agenda at a future meeting. A suggestion was made to place temporary signage near courts to remind public of the intent for use, and to discourage pets and young children from playing in courts.

7. Review Park Naming Contest Results and Discuss Selection of Names
   a. The Board appreciated the enthusiastic participation and feedback from the community!
   b. After considering many nominations for each park, the Board discussed priorities for new park names and narrowed down top choices.
1) The Board decided not to name parks after historical people or local residents to avoid showing favoritism. Board decided that memorial benches are a good opportunity to honor these residents.

2) The Board also decided to clarify locations of parks through new names, if possible or relevant.

3) ‘Bocce Park’ was not chosen for Park 5 (Sagebrush Park) as Michael Fargano indicated this is not used for City tournaments or play.

c. With priorities in mind, below are the recommended park names selected by PPLAB for City Council approval.

1) From Wildridge to Sunflower Park
2) From Wildflower to Owl Park
3) From Saratoga 2 to Tyler Park
4) From Saratoga 1 to Hoover Park
5) From Sagebrush Park to Pallino Park
6) Stay with the name Mission Greens Park
7) From Heritage B to Hackberry Park
8) From Cedarwood Park to Hutchinson Park
9) Stay with the name Elephant Park

8. Review and Discuss the Draft Memo to City Council on the Subdivision Entry Landscape Capital Improvement

   a. The Board reviewed the draft memo of the subdivision entry landscape capital improvement program and approved the draft.

   b. The goal of this memo is to put in writing a formal approach to the entry improvements and to inform City Council of this approach.

9. Discussion on Invite to Join the Outdoor Recreational Amenities Subcommittee

   a. The Outdoor Recreational Amenities Subcommittee (ORAS) will be a subcommittee that will lead community outreach on needed recreational amenities in parks in preparation of related upcoming master plans.

   b. The Board nominated Ezra Paddock to serve as PPLAB’s representative to this subcommittee. Ellen Toon and Laurie Harford will serve in Ezra’s absent if needed, on an alternating basis.
10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Median renovations, transportation master plan presentation, Conoco Phillips presentation.

11. Adjourn at 9:03 pm
Memorandum

To: Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board
From: Allan Gill, PLA, Park’s Project Manager
Date: July 11, 2019
Re: Design Build Services for Median Landscape Renovations

Information and Summary:
The majority of medians within the City were developed and landscaped 20 to 30 years ago. Renovations are recommended due to, plant material replacement needs, outdated irrigation systems, and in many cases the concept or landscape theme is not consistent throughout the same boulevard.

Prior to acquiring funding for the median renovations, the City worked with a consultant to develop preferred options for the medians. As part of that effort the consultant prepared possible planting palettes, design aesthetics, gateway and identity features, grounds plane treatments and also conducted a visual preference survey.

In review of the final report staff and the Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory board (PPLAB) ultimately choose to work with current designs and enhancing and repairing the medians as needed rather than following the preferred options prepared by the consultant. Some of the factors that staff and PPLAB took into consideration when comparing concepts were costs, maintenance practices, herbicide use, tree replacements and visibility among other issues.

Time Line and Funding:
Funding is available in 2019 and also in 2020 which is contingent upon City Council appropriation. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2019 and consists of the medians on Cherry Street, McCaslin Boulevard and Via Appia. Phase II is scheduled for the spring of 2020 and includes Dillon Road, South Boulder Road and Summit View Drive at Highway 42.

Next Steps:
- Review proposed plans for the medians with PPLAB and the public to gather their input with regard to the direction the project has taken.
- Implement suggestions from PPLAB and the public that add value to the project.
- Prepare construction documents and cost estimates
- Prepare update for City Council
- Coordinate with Public Works
Louisville Character
Median Renovations

Budget Priority

1. **CONSISTENT THEME** for each street / median corridor
   - PHASE 1
     - McCaslin Boulevard
     - Cherry Street
     - Via Appia Way

2. **LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS**
   - replace plants and reduce maintenance where needed
   - replace irrigation as budget allows
   - potential native grass conversions

3. **CITY / CORRIDOR IDENTITY & PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**
   - opportunities at median noses
   - heighten awareness/safety
Consistent Themes
McCaslin Boulevard

Budget Priority #1

**CONSISTENT THEME** for each street / median corridor

**PHASE 1**
McCaslin Boulevard

- STAGGERED FORMATION OF DECIDUOUS TREES
- MANICURED TURF MEDIAN
- PLANTED MEDIAN NOSES (PERENNIALS / ORN. GRASSES)
Consistent Themes
Cherry Street

Budget Priority #1

CONSISTENT THEME for each street / median corridor

PHASE 1
Cherry Street

- DEC. TREES
- FLATIRON STONE
- MANICURED TURF
- PLANT BEDS NEAR FLATIRON STONE (OCCUR IN NEIGHBORHOOD ZONES)
Consistent Themes
Via Appia Way

**Budget Priority #1**

**CONSISTENT THEME** for each street / median corridor

**PHASE 1**
Via Appia Way

- Rows of deciduous trees
- Predominantly manicured turf
Landscape Improvements
Replacement and Enhancements

Budget Priority #2
LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS

- replace plants and reduce maintenance
- replace irrigation as budget allows
Budget Priority #2

LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS

- replace plants and reduce maintenance
- replace irrigation as budget allows

Mulch at existing medians is being blown/washed away

Opportunity to use stone edging to add a vertical component while keeping wood mulch in-place

Or consider using rock mulch
Landscape Replacements
Replacement Plant Palettes

1 SHRUBS / PERENNIALS
LO-GROW SUMAC
SAND CHERRY
GOLD FLAME SPIRAEA
POTENTILLA
REDLEAF ROSE (SHRUB)
SHRUB LILAC
REDLEAF ROSE (SHRUB)
SHRUB LILAC
1 SHRUBS / PERENNIALS

2 ORNAMENTAL GRASSES
BLONDE AMBITION
LITTLE BLUESTEM
DWARF MAIDEN GRASS
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MAIDEN GRASS
2A ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES
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Landscape Concept
Perennial & Grass Beds

- Flowering Shrubs
- Ornamental Grasses
- Flowering Shrubs
- Retain Flagstone Boulders & Accentuate with Perennials
- Rock Mulch
- Irrigation Improvements
Landscape Improvements
Native Grass Conversion

Budget Priority #2
LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS

- Potential turfgrass conversions to native seed for water savings and reduced maintenance and ongoing costs

POTENTIAL WATER SAVINGS for eight alternatives to conventional Kentucky bluegrass turf
Corridor Opportunities
Gateways: City / Corridor Identity

Budget Priority #3

CITY / CORRIDOR IDENTITY opportunity at noses
PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS heighten awareness / safety
City Median Corridors

- US-36
- Via Appia Way
- Cherry Street
- McCaslin Boulevard
- Dillon Rd.
Proposed Corridors:
Phase 1

CHERRY STREET

- Renovate median nose with new plants, mulch & irrigation
- Pedestrian Crossings

VIA APPIA WAY

- Potential native grass conversions
- Street Corridor Entry Points

KEY

- Street Corridor entry points & Horizontal Rock Features
- Replacement of Landscape & Irrigation
- Pedestrian Crossings & Vertical Rock Features
- Potential Native Grasses Conversions
- Unhealthy Trees to be Replaced
- Renovate median nose with new plants, mulch & irrigation
- Corridor outlines
Cherry St. NE Corner
Example Design Application

1. Oak to be removed + replaced. Conditions to be confirmed by city forester prior to removal.

2. Existing Oak to Remain

3. Existing Hackberry to remain

4. Existing Oak to Remain

20' Renovated Perennial/Grass Beds

Pedestrian Crossing

(2) Vertical Stone Ped Crossing Features, both sides, Typ.

(2) Horizontal Stone Features and new planting/irrigation at entry points of each corridor/street

Planting beds incl. Junipers to be removed. Install new irrigation heads or drip tubing + laterals and install (x) amount of perennials per enlargement detail.
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