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## Meeting Summary

### Public Meeting #2 | January 27, 2015 | School #17

#### Meeting Attendees

See attached sign-in sheet.

#### Materials Provided

- Meeting Agenda

#### Welcome and Introductions

Kimberly Baptiste of Bergmann Associates welcomed the group to the meeting and outlined the evening's agenda. The agenda included a presentation of the project overview and an open house to review project recommendations and provide feedback.

#### Project Overview

Kimberly began the presentation by recapping the objectives of the project which include:

1. Identify preferred conceptual trail design and programming,
2. Strengthen the area's transportation options, and
3. Identify neighborhood and regional connections.

Kimberly then brought the group up to date on where the project currently stands. To date Phase 1: Inventory and Analysis and Phase 2: Alternative Development have been completed.

Ted Liddell of Bergmann Associates presented what was learned from the Inventory and Analysis of existing conditions which included land ownership, a detailed analysis of existing conditions along the rail corridor, and the findings from the preliminary structural inspection of the four existing railroad bridges.

Mark Johns of Bergmann Associates presented the preliminary trail alignment and design features and invited the group to view the presentation boards of the design elements to offer feedback.

#### Community Feedback

After the project overview presentation, the group provided feedback on the proposed trail alignment and design features which included the following;

- Richard Jones from the neighborhood commented that visibility and safety were important elements to consider when designing the trail. He also stated there needs to be elements along the trail to keep people interested.
- Ralph Spezio from School #17 stated we have a captive audience of school kids in the neighborhood that would benefit from the proposed trail. There could be a partnership

with the school district to incorporate the trail and potential trail elements in to the school curriculum / common core. Also, the school children at School #17 don't have the opportunity to go on may school field trips. The trail could be a "walking" field trip. These field trips would introduce the children to the trail who would then introduce the trail to their friends and family and create potential trail users.

- The subway and canal history should be interpreted through signage on the corridor.
- Incorporate history of area into trail "learning stations."
- Meeting attendees liked the natural play concept.
- The trail should be designed to make it difficult for dirt bikes and ATV's to use the trail. This could be accomplished with the use of bollards.
- Rich DeSarra stated that white and yellow bollards seem to be the most visible for cyclists. He also stated it would be interesting to decorate the bollards with art like the light poles on Artwalk and the old parking meters in the South Wedge.
- There is opportunity for art competitions for works of art in nodes / pocket parks along the trail and for Wall Therapy murals on the sides of buildings adjacent to the trail.
- There is opportunity for small retail along the trail such as ice cream vendors / food trucks and for small outdoor markets.
- Bike share stations in the neighborhood should be considered.
- The cities lighting policy of parks and trails should be revisited for this trail.
- Rich DeSarra stated center lines on paved trails is helpful for traffic flow.

## Next Steps

- Incorporating feedback from the community and the PAC into the design.
- Cost estimates.
- Phasing.
- Full draft feasibility report.
- Property/owner outreach and coordination.