

Erie Harbor Enhancements Phase 2 - Design

Public Intercept – Comments (received in person during event)

Stantec #192800048, NYSDOS #C100714, City of Rochester #17307

Date/Time: October 21, 1:00-4:00 PM
Place: City of Rochester
Next Meeting: n/a
Attendees: Zak Steele (Stantec)
Absentees: n/a
Distribution: City of Rochester; project file (compiled program development comments)

1. **Public Intercept Description / Methods:**

A project representative (Zakery Steele, Project Manger, Stantec) performed a public intercept to hand out online survey link flyers and query the public about preferred park programming at three locations throughout the project site (1 hour spent at each location).

The three locations included: The north end basketball court area (north side of Hamilton Tower from 1:00 to 2:00 PM; the middle section near Phase 1 easement from 2:00 to 3:00 PM; and the south section near Ford St bridge (from 3:00 to 4:00 PM).

The weather was sunny and 74 deg. F. Several individuals and groups were using the trail and park during the intercept period. A majority of comments received were collected from park users at the north end of the site (near Hamilton Tower). Typically, bike riders, runners, and other park users in younger age ranges did not stop or declined to take a flyer. Three (3) older age-group bike riders stopped and provided comments (and took flyers).

The collected public comments are as follows [context clarifications in brackets]:

2. *We would like basketball hoops that have single rims. These have double rims [referring to existing courts/hoops].*
3. *The workout equipment is used a lot.*
4. *The playground is boring. People use it but my kids leave after 5 minutes.*
5. *I used to play football in this park [lawn area near phase 1 central easement]. I lived in the old buildings [Genesee River Commons] about 30 years ago. It would be great if they could put a little skatepark near the bridge [referring to Ford St], they are always skating near the tunnel [at Ford St].*
6. *Really need a walking bridge to Corn Hill.*
7. *I used to live here, this is my park! We need water fountains for the basketball courts [drinking water].*
8. *This area needs something colorful to draw people in, something bright. [referring to Hamilton / north area] This neighborhood is very artistic. They would like something bright.*
9. *There are no places to sit by the river, some chairs or places to sit are needed.*

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10. *There used to be grills here, park grills. They should bring them back. Just grills that anyone can use.*
11. *Put lights on the basketball courts. Yeah, people use them a lot.*
12. *Add flowers and scenery, like they have the lilac festival but we need something here.*
13. *Yes, people would use a water spray area, yes. Lot's of kids in this neighborhood would use it. [this program element was specially asked about by the project representative].*
14. *Don't remove the tables [existing concrete chess tables], people use them. We play cards here. I've played checkers – with bottle caps. We like these tables.*
15. *Small basketball hoops for the younger kids would be really cool. Those younger kids [pointing to young kids on the courts, estimated age 5-7] can't get the ball up [to the rim]. If they had their own hoop that would be nice.*
16. *Bring some of the art down here for us [referring to public art installations along river south of Hamilton area]. We need some of that art here.*
17. *We need a grocery store with real food. Healthy food. [referring to 151 Mt Hope potential development parcel, not the park]*
18. *We like the farmers market, we use it. They need storage. That's their container there [pointing to existing SWFM container]. There was a sign on that container for the market but someone stole it.*

The event adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all information collected.

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