

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE
PLANNING COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES
MAY 16, 2023

Register in advance for this webinar:

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1. Introduction of Committee & Guest Members (7:00 PM)

- Maureen Foster, Committee Chair
- Todd Dengel, Committee Co-chair
- Greg Barnes, Committee Member
- William Seath, Committee Member
- Marshall, Committee Member
- Sam Denes, Council Liaison
- Ben Simasek, Council Liaison
- Kareem Redmond, Councilmember-elect
- Holly Simmons, Staff Liaison
- Allie O'Neill, Neighborhood Design Center

2. The Spot Redesign – Informational presentation

- Presentation
 - Allie O'Neill, Neighborhood Design Center
 - Engagement to happen at The Spot on Trolley Trail Day - June 10, 2023, 10am-12pm. Two types of opportunities: quick stations for people dropping in, and activities for people with more time. Activities will be interactive, ask a variety of questions to understand the desired look and feel of the space, how people get to The Spot, what activities they're interested in. Aim to get people to 'dream forward'. There will be kids' activities, ASL and Spanish-language interpretation.
 - After Trolley Trail Day, we will take what we heard, synthesize it, and reflect back. NDC will work with City staff to move forward into final design and feasibility.
- Clarifying Questions
 - Todd: Will an existing conceptual plan be presented during Trolley Trail Day?
 1. Allie: A concept design exists, but it was only intended to provide a proof of concept to secure funding. That design has been put aside, but we know some of those things will still be needed (e.g., seating, utilities). We are focused on listening now, and then moving forward.
 - Greg: How flexible will space be going forward, depending on who wants to make use of The Spot? Will materials be permanent or fluid?
 1. Allie: Public gathering space will need to be programmed and unprogrammed. Which pieces are permanent versus moveable is

part of the design exercise. Want space to meet/exceed needs, have space to grow in future.

- Greg: Did the concept design that was set aside have a sound stage/equipment?
 1. Allie: Concept design included stage space, along with seating (picnic, moveable), plaza, bike parking, back-of-house (food truck, restrooms). Long journey from high concept to final plan. These are questions we're excited to keep talking through.
- Marshall: What will NDC's design services cost the City?
 1. Holly: Contract for \$40,000.
- Marshall: What is the timeline?
 1. Allie: Design complete in October.
- Marshall: How many events will The Spot support over a 12-month period?
 1. Allie: Those types of questions are part of design process.
- Marshall: Any thoughts of sound barrier to address train noises?
 1. Allie: That has not come up yet, but could come up through design process. NDC will work with City Planner and Public Works to understand if that fits within the design parameters.
- Maureen: I'm concerned about pedestrian, vehicular, bike traffic at the intersection of Hamilton and Route 1.
- Marshall: I agree. There is a light at the bridge to Alternate Route 1, and people are not paying attention.
 1. Holly: Canvas Apartments has proposed upgrades to crossing (improved pavement markings, changes to signal timing, etc.), but they are still in permitting with SHA so subject to change.
- Maureen: Will there be parking for people who come to the park by car?
 1. Allie: That has been expressed in meeting with small business. There are 130 parking spaces within a ¼ to ½ mile of The Spot.
- Greg: Will there be other opportunities to engage online?
 1. Holly: Yes, activities on Hello Hyattsville beginning June 10, concurrent w Trolley Trail Day.

3. Committee Business

- Approve March 21, 2023, minutes
 - Minutes approved

4. Development and Planning Updates

- Dewey Property
 - Parcel 4 (Nine Ponds Regional stormwater management facility)
 - Under construction, close to 50% complete
 - Parcel 3 (located on Adelphi Road)
 - Conveyed to Park and Planning December 2022 to allow for the multigenerational center

- This eliminates the 32 units which were to access Adelphi Road.
- Parcel 5 (multifamily on Toledo Road)
 - Construction of mixed-use building began in March
 - Foundation is underway
- Parcel 1 (multifamily at corner of Toledo and Belcrest Road)
 - NRP expected to close in June.
 - Construction is anticipated to begin shortly after
- Parcel 2 (townhomes on Belcrest)
 - Stanley Martin will commence grading later this summer
- Bike Parking Scavenger Hunt (May 19 – June 16)
 - Month-long scavenger hunt for community members to locate bicycle parking racks. Person who identifies the most bicycle parking locations within the City will win a \$50 gift card to Arrow Bicycle
 - Event kick-off at Bike To Work Day – May 19, 6:30am to 8:30am at Driskell Park
 - More information at <https://www.hyattsville.org/bike>

5. Additional Questions & Discussion

- Todd: Any info on Canvas retail mix?
 - Holly: No updates yet
- Maureen: There are two contests for street art at Jefferson and Church Place. Participate on Hello Hyattsville by May 30.
- Marshall: Are there any updates on development or redevelopment on Hamilton Street between Queens Chapel and Ager?
 - Holly: The Commercial Façade Improvement program grant for a mural at Queens Chapel Town Center was recently completed, but no development updates.
- Todd: Are there updates on Federalist Pig?
 - Holly: They have been working through County bond and SHA permits.
- Maureen: This will be Ben's last meeting as a Council liaison.
- Maureen: Thank you to all who attended Jim Chandler's farewell.

6. Adjourn (7:45 PM)