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MEETING NOTES

Project: **Wissahickon Gateway Trailhead** Project No.: **24031.10**
Location: **Venice Island PAC** Meeting **Nov 06, 2024**
7 Canal St Date/Time: **6:00 PM**
Topic: **Public Meeting #1 - Brainstorm** Issue Date: **11/11/2024**

ATTENDEES:

- Pete Simone, Principal, Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC)
- David Bender, Staff Landscape Architect, SC
- Michelle Armour, Staff Landscape Architect, SC
- Gwen McCauley, Executive Director, Manayunk Development Corp. (MDC)
- Carla Ferro, MDC
- Jamie Wyper, Steering Committee
- David Decca, Steering Committee
- John Hunter, Steering Committee
- Sarah Clark Stuart
- Representative Tarik Khan
- Amanda Collett
- Arlene Jones
- Lisa Stout
- John Carpenter
- Suzanne Hagner
- Carson Fisk-Vittori
- Derek Frech
- Rodney Salzar
- Theresa Everline
- Marissa Zhao
- Jeff Goldman
- Chris Leswig
- MJ Santry
- Jen Wallace
- Jake Thompson
- Kyle Montgomery
- Evan Garcia
- Geoff Brock
- Nina Solomonic
- Shawn Bachman
- Dan Chabanov
- Gary Brown
- Diane Hulboy
- Tyra Duhan
- Beth Fast
- Griffin Affel
- Sandy Zanetto
- Nolan Green
- Yoav Kallus
- Kevin A Turner
- Aaron Holly
- Celeste Hardester
- Don Knierien
- Wes Hanna
- Maryann DiGiacomo
- Jordan Abrama
- Nancy Johnston
- Carolyn Sutton
- K. Richardson
- M Finch

- H Janway
- Ashcon Zand
- Eric Dixon
- Greg Mytorb
- Elisabeth Fischer
- Todd Zielinski

NOTES:

1. Welcome remarks by Gwen McCauley, Executive Director of the Manayunk Development Corporation.
2. Presentation of \$34,500 check from State of PA via Representative Tarik Khan to the Manayunk Development Corporation towards this project.
3. Peter Simone of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture introduced the project team, planning process, project site, and precedent examples.
4. The public shared facts, ideas, and concerns about the project site and its integration into the Schuylkill River Trail, surrounding properties, and the neighborhoods it serves. See “Public Input” section below for details.
5. Peter Simone thanked attendees for participating and asked them to bring a few friends to the next public meeting on December 9th, 2025, again at the Venice Island PAC, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. At that meeting, the public will provide feedback on the Draft Master Plan.

PUBLIC INPUT:

GOALS	FACTS		
CELEBRATE GATEWAYS: MAIN ST, FAIRMOUNT, ETC.	PECO SITE LEAVING IN ~ 10 YEARS	>1 MILLION SRT TRAIL USERS PER YEAR	WISSAHICKON & SCHUYLKILL NOT SAFE FOR SWIMMING
SEAMLESS TRANSITION BTWN. EXISTING AND NEW TRAILS	EXISTING WAYFINDING DESIGN	PECO SITE NEEDS CONTAMINATION CLEANUP	CANOE CLUB PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCESS TO RIVER + TO BOATS
REDUCE / ELIMINATE TRAFFIC CONFLICTS	PEOPLE USE CANOE CLUB PROPERTY AS A "RESTROOM"	CANOE CLUB RENTS REAR PART OF PECO SITE FOR PARKING	CANOE CLUB USES PECO PROPERTY FOR STORAGE DURING FLOODING
MAKE THIS DESIGN ALIGN WITH POTENTIAL PECO SITE	HYDRAULIC & HYDROLOGIC STUDY FOR NEW BRIDGE	CANOE CLUB PROVIDES MAINTENANCE	
PROVIDE FOR FUNDING SOURCE FOR MAINTENANCE	PROPERTY IN A WATERSHED DISTRICT W/ STRICT REQ'S.	FENCE TO PREVENT ACCESS TO NEW SEPTA TRANS. CTR.	
PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO WATERWAYS	PUBLIC RESTROOM @ SEPTA REQ'S VENDOR	SEPTA IS NOT PROVIDING PARKING AT NEW CTR.	
BUILD THINGS TO BE FLOOD-RESISTANT	PARTNER: MURAL ARTS	PARTNER: COMMUNITY ROWING ASSOC.	PARTNER: CANOE CLUB
	PARTNER: TREK BIKE ON MAIN ST	PARTNER: EAST FALLS DEV. CORP.	

CONCEPTS				ORIENTATION TO
LIMIT PARKING ON MAIN ST TO PROTECT BIKERS	SERVICES FOR RUNNERS	PROVIDE NATIVE SHADE TREES	PARKING AT SEPTA FOR TRAILHEAD?	LOCAL BUSINESSES
CLEAR WAYFINDING WITH DISTANCES	DON'T CUT OFF BUSINESSES WITH TRAIL DESIGN	PLANTINGS SUPPORT WISSAHICKON ECOSYSTEM	KEYCARD ACCESS TO CANOE CLUB PARKING LOT	EAST FALLS BUSINESS CORRIDOR
GET PEOPLE INTO THE RIVER - BOAT RENTAL	BOLLARDS FOR SPEED CONTROL	NEW BRIDGE CLOSER TO CANOE CLUB?	EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS ABOUT NEIGHBORHOODS	ROYBOROUGH BUSINESS CORRIDOR
PROVIDE VISUAL ACCESS TO CREEK	TRAIL NEEDS TO ACCOMM. CARGO BIKES	DESIGN FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ALONG RIDGE AVE.	MAP OF BIKE TRAILS AND LANES IN PHILLY	MANAYUNK BUSINESS CORRIDOR
BIKE RENTALS	SEATING AND TABLES FOR PICNICS	INTERIM PLAN FOR TRAIL WHILE WAITING FOR FINAL TRAIL	BIKE PARKING (AT SEPTA SITE AND OUR)	RITTENHOUSE TOWN
PUBLIC ART - TACTILE MURALS	BIOSWALES & STORMWATER MGMT.	BANDSTAND OR PAVILION FOR VAR. ACTIVITIES	BIKE REPAIR STATION	
DRINKING WATER - NOT BY PURCHASE	INCORPORATE FUTURE FLOODING INTO DESIGN	DARK SKY FRIENDLY, WILDLIFE FRIENDLY, + BEAUTIFUL LIGHTING	INDEGO BIKE RENTAL	
PUBLIC RESTROOMS - NOT DEPENDANT ON VENDOR	ICONIC, THOUGHTFUL, CLIMATE-ADAPTIVE PLANTING	PARTNERSHIP BTWN. ORGS. TO MAINTAIN RESTROOMS	WATER INSTALLATION FOR COOLING	OPPORTUNITY: VISIT OLD BRIDGE ABUTMENTS AT CANOE CLUB

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Sincerely,
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