



ADVISORY COMMITTEE / SSA COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

April 18, 2019 | Sulzer Library | 5:30pm

Meeting Summary

The following summarizes comments gathered during the Joint Advisory Committee / SSA Commission meeting. This meeting took place April 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm at Sulzer Library. The meeting agenda, sign-in sheet and other meeting materials are attached to this summary.

The purpose of this meeting was to review Master Plan Concepts in draft form prior to the public open house presentation. Committee and Commission activities were organized to prioritize near term and long range Master Plan projects. The meeting was conducted via projector style presentation and group input activities.

PRESENTATION ITEM 1 – TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The transportation recommendations identified proposed locations for bump outs / improved crosswalks; boulevards / refuge islands; crossing enhancements; reduced curb cuts; sidewalk/parking/landscaping; improved Brown Line station access; new crosswalks.

The Committee/Commission did not have any comments regarding these items.

PRESENTATION ITEM 2 – URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS

Urban design concepts were introduced to address Near Term Projects and Long Range Projects.

Near term projects included the following items: Blade signs, murals, parklets, mosaic planters, bike racks, temporary globe lights, gateway poles and banners, wayfinding and business kiosks.

Long range projects included the following items: (SQU)area pocket plazas; Chicago Lincoln Statue Plaza; Neighborhood Flex Space; Lincoln Avenue Market Street; Giddings Plaza; CTA Station Plaza; Under the Elevated Neighborhood Link; Market + Events Plaza; and Rockwell Crossing Shared Street.

Committee / Commission comments follow in item 3 below



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PRESENTATION ITEM 3 – ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES

Design guidelines were presented as general guidelines and corridor specific guidelines. A character and density map was presented to address the following:

1. Higher density - parcels associated with the CTA station TOD ¼ mile planning areas;
2. Low density – preserve existing low density character at the central and south Lincoln Avenue areas;
3. Medium density – address transitions between higher and lower density areas.

Design guidelines were organized by corridor and addressed recommendations for the public rights of way and privately controlled parcels which abut the roadways. The Committee / Commission’s comments are provided below and organized by corridor.

LINCOLN AVENUE CENTRAL & SOUTH

- It was noted that the Central portion of Lincoln Ave should be referred to as “The 4700 Block” or “Lincoln Square Central”.
- The group spent considerable time discussing roadway alternatives for The Square. Pros and cons of each concept are described below. The group suggested presenting both options at the public meeting to invite comment by the community:
 - One-way southbound, parallel parking at east and west sides of Lincoln Ave.
 - Parking Data: Existing (Lincoln + Leland) = 49 cars; Proposed (Lincoln + Leland) = 50 cars
 - Pros: supports safer pedestrian movements; improved visibility to the street; ability to support a curbless street section.
 - Cons: concerns over the ability to accommodate deliveries and drop offs. It was noted that deliveries and drop offs could be managed via appropriately signed/striped parking spaces.
 - One-way southbound, diagonal parking chicane alternates between east and west sides of Lincoln Ave.
 - Parking Data: Existing (Lincoln + Leland) = 49 cars; Proposed (Lincoln + Leland) = 47 cars
 - Pros: slows traffic thru a chicane (weaving) pattern; maintains a somewhat similar parking pattern as what exists today; opens up views to Giddings Plaza.
 - Cons: rededicates certain parking spaces to bulb out transition areas; similar concerns about deliveries as described above.
 - The group generally favored the idea to conduct a test for any preferred traffic orientation prior to investing in final design planning.

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MASTER PLAN****GIDDINGS PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS**

- There was general consensus towards enhancements to Giddings Plaza. It was noted that the stage relocation would be a welcome improvement as a large portion of the LSRCC's resources are devoted to installing a temporary stage and equipment in the plaza.

LINCOLN AVENUE NORTH

- It was noted that the SSA may be obtaining a parklet from another community and is considering adapting this parklet to an area in the Lincoln Ave north area. It was noted that parklets are most successful when they are adjacent to active land uses and programmed to invite pedestrian uses, such as outdoor café areas.

WESTERN AVENUE – CTA STATION AND UNDER THE ELEVATED NEIGHBORHOOD LINK

- A question was raised regarding the pigeon population in this area and how this can be managed along with the improvements. The existing deterrents (spikes) are currently not effective in controlling pigeon activity.

GROUP WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

The group was organized into three groups. Each group was organized by geographical area within the SSA and tasked with the following:

1. Identify potential community partners who can participate in implementation of certain projects.
2. Prioritize near term and long-range projects

A summary of the group's findings follows below. The top priorities are highlighted in green:



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TABLE 1 | LINCOLN AVENUE

Near Term Improvements

Description	Coordinating Agencies/ Owners	Potential Partners (identify potential community organizations that can participate in implementation)	Priorities (list the group's priority projects: #1 is the highest priority)
Blade Sign Program	Businesses, Property Owners	North Lincoln & Lawrence might benefit most from these improvements	2a
Mosaic Pebble Planters	SSA	Chicago Mosaic School, One River, SSA	2b
Bike Racks	SSA	In place and ongoing by SSA	6
Murals	SSA		4
Business Sign Kiosks	CDOT		1
Gateway Poles & Banners	CDOT		5
Temporary Globe Lighting	SSA	expand	3
Temporary Parklet	CDOT, property owners	Gateway to Learning	7 Conceptually happening

Long Range Improvements

North Lincoln Streetscape – bump outs, widened sidewalks, medians, (SQU)area plazas	CDOT/CTA	Concern about bus bulbs stopping all traffic on Lincoln, already congested 3-6 pm	3
Central Lincoln Market Street	CDOT		2
Giddings Plaza – stage relocation, festoon lighting	CDOT		1
Alleyway improvements – building rears	Businesses, Property Owners		4



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TABLE 2 | LAWRENCE AVENUE / ROCKWELL CROSSING

Near Term Improvements

Description	Coordinating Agencies/ Owners	Potential Partners (identify potential community organizations that can participate in implementation)	Priorities (list the group's priority projects: #1 is the highest priority) LAWRENCE	Priorities (list the group's priority projects: #1 is the highest priority) ROCKWELL
Blade Sign Program	Businesses, Property Owners	SSA	1	7
Mosaic Pebble Planters	SSA	Event attendees, LSRCC Businesses, Elementary Schools, Arts Schools	4	5
Bike Racks	SSA		5	8
Murals	SSA	Host Businesses	3	4
Business Sign Kiosks	CDOT	SSA	6	6
Gateway Poles & Banners	CDOT	GRO, SSA, Business Sponsorship	2	3
Temporary Globe Lighting (at Rockwell)	SSA		X	2
Temporary Parklet (at Rockwell)	CDOT, property owners	Beans & Bagels, Bloom Yoga, Rockwell's Bar and Grill, LSQ Presbyterian Church	7	1

Long Range Improvements

Lincoln Statue Plaza	CDOT/CTA	Historical Associations (Chicago / Lincoln), Aldermen, Event Attendees		1
Neighborhood Flex Space	SSA	Aldermen, Event Attendees		2
(SQU)Area	CDOT			4
Rockwell Crossing Shared Street Streetscape	CDOT/CTA			3



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TABLE 3 | WESTERN AVENUE / MONTROSE AVENUE

Near Term Improvements

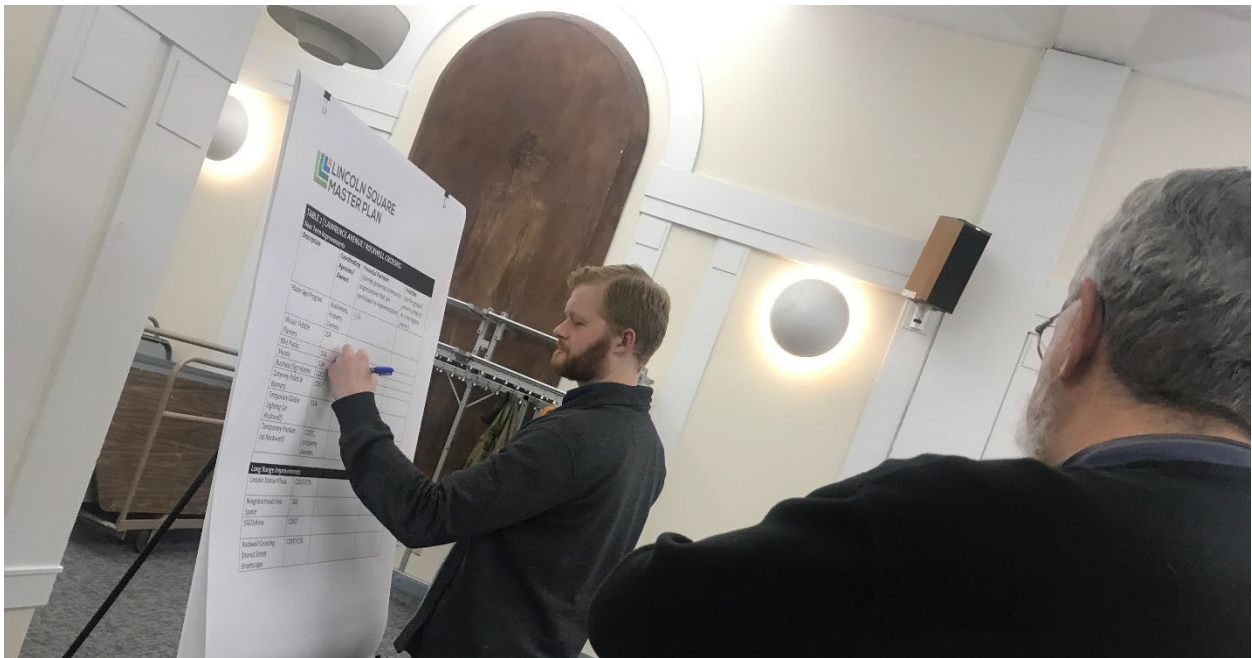
Description	Coordinating Agencies/ Owners	Potential Partners (identify potential community organizations that can participate in implementation)	Priorities (list the group's priority projects: #1 is the highest priority)
Blade Sign Program	Businesses, Property Owners		3
Mosaic Pebble Planters	SSA	Chicago Mosaic School / City-wide non-profits / Lil Street / Art Schools	1
Bike Racks	SSA	In process	4
Murals	SSA	In process	4
Business Sign Kiosks	CDOT	Small Neighborhood Business Community	2
Gateway Poles & Banners	CDOT	Bannerville	3

Long Range Improvements

Western Avenue landscaped boulevard. (SQU)area plazas	CDOT	Good blend of business and resident community	2
CTA Western Brown Line Station Plaza Enhancements and Gateway Signage	CTA/CDOT		1
Under the Elevated Neighborhood Link	CTA/CDOT		1
Market & Events Plaza	CDOT	Less critical	3

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MEETING PHOTOS:



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NEXT STEPS:

1. Teska and SSA staff will meet with the aldermanic offices to review draft Master Plan concepts on May 14. Any revisions will be made as required.
2. Teska will present the draft Master Plan Concepts to a public open house May 30. Following the public meeting, revisions will be made as required.
3. A draft report will be provided to the SSA for review and comment prior to finalizing the report.

Encl: meeting agenda, sign in sheet





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Meeting Agenda

- 1. Introductions and Scope Review**
- 2. Past Meeting Recap**
- 3. Master Plan Recommendations Presentation**
 - a. Transportation Recommendations**
 - b. Urban Design Concepts**
 - c. Architectural Design Guidelines**
- 4. Group Activity – help us prioritize near and long-range projects**
- 5. Next Steps – public meeting preparation**