EVANSTON

Fountain Square Renovation Project

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AGENDA

• Site Background
• Site Condition
• Proposed Project
• Proposed Schedule
• Fall Visioning
SITE BACKGROUND

- **Historical Significance**
  - Center of Downtown since 1854
  - Dedicated as Fountain Square in 1876
  - Original City Hall Site
  - War Memorial in 1949
  - Current Fountain Constructed During the Bicentennial 1976
SITE BACKGROUND

• Ceremonial Significance
  - Memorial Day Service
  - Veteran’s Day Service
SITE BACKGROUND

- Public Square
  - Celebrations
  - Festivals
  - Public Forum
  - Casual Plaza
SITE CONDITION

• Failing Infrastructure
  - Basins / walls deteriorating and leaking
  - Feature pump failing
  - Frequency drive removed
  - Anemometer location ineffective
  - Lighting inoperable
  - Seating and pavement deteriorated
  - Highest maintenance requirements of all City fountains
SITE CONDITION

• Usability and Configuration
  - Accessibility
  - Separation of Ceremonial and Casual Activities
  - Pedestrian Flow
  - Aesthetics
  - Lighting
  - Restricted Capacity
  - Uncomfortable
PROPOSED PROJECT

• Project Scope
  - Limits: Sherman Avenue Church to Davis
  - Improve fountain, streetscape and roadway

• Project Goals
  - Improve user experience
  - Reduce automobile dominance
  - Separate ceremonial and casual activities
  - Create a flexible environment suitable for year round use

• Project Funding
  - Visioning and Design $300,000 (TIF)
  - Construction $2.3 million (TIF)
PROPOSED SCHEDULE

• Project Manager – Stefanie Levine
• Fall 2014 Visioning – Teska Associates
• Design – RFP 2015
• Construction – 2016
FALL VISIONING

- Engage public to develop at least three concepts of the space
- Consult with Veteran groups, downtown businesses, residents and other users
- Conduct a 3 to 5-day street closure in October for visioning activities
  i. Red Carpet Fashion Show
  ii. Coloring contest
  iii. Restaurant sampling
  iv. Expanded seating and bike parking area