FOUNTAIN SQUARE RENOVATIONS

DOWNTOWN EVANSTON
NEIGHBORS MEETING
TESKA ASSOCIATES, EVANSTON
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FOUNTAIN SQUARE TODAY
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Goal:
By August 2018, Fountain Square Plaza will be transformed into a destination public gathering space reflective of Evanston’s unique identity and will become a legacy project.

Objectives:
1. Open and accessible;
2. Walkable, focused on pedestrian comfort;
3. Multi-generational;
4. Compatible with surroundings & has an urban focus;
5. Accommodates gathering for special events;
6. Multi-seasonal, expresses various appearances & moods;
7. Supportive of the arts;
8. Promotes creative placemaking and an identity of place;
9. Integrated with infrastructure and technology;
10. Low maintenance fountain;
11. Fountain/memorial in the same general location.
PUBLIC MEETINGS – COMMENT SUMMARY

Circulation:

Support pedestrian and bike uses, accommodate autos
Preference for relocated left turn lane at Sherman Ave
Preference for a shared street space
Preference for flexible seating and a clear open space

Memorial:

Separate memorial and fountain functions
Reuse bronze plaques as Military Service Seals

Fountain:

Liked the ability to adjust mood & character of fountain

Landscape:

Incorporate more green

Events:

Liked the ability to close streets in various configurations
TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

REDUCE TRAVEL LANES ALONG SHERMAN AND ORRINGTON AVENUES:

SHERMAN AVE:
ELIMINATE (1) SOUTHBOUND LANE ON SHERMAN BETWEEN DAVIS & GROVE; STRIPED TRANSITION BETWEEN CHURCH & DAVIS

ORRINGTON AVE:
ELIMINATE (1) NORTHBOUND LANE ON ORRINGTON BETWEEN DAVIS & GROVE
TRAFFIC CIRCULATION
VIEW LOOKING NORTH FROM DAVIS STREET TO FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA
VIEW LOOKING SOUTH FROM SHERMAN AVENUE TO FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA
VIEW LOOKING SOUTH FROM DAVIS STREET TO TRIANGULAR PLAZA
MOVABLE TABLES & CHAIRS TEST
TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE
STAGE 2

LEGEND
- CONSTRUCTION ZONE
- CONSTRUCTION BARRIERS
- OPEN TO PEDS
- PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT
- TRAFFIC PATTERN
- BIKE LANE

45 ESTIMATE OF WORKING DAYS

1. FOUNTAIN SQUARE WORK, ONLY LOCAL SIDEWALK TRAFFIC ALONG EAST SHERMAN AND WEST ORRINGTON.
2. EAST SIDEWALK BETWEEN GROVE AND DAVIS. MAINTAIN SIDEWALK ACCESS TO ALL BUSINESSES WITH TEMPORARY RAMP. 10’ MINIMUM BETWEEN WORK ZONE AND TEMPORARY BARRIER MEDIAN.
3. ADVANCE LANE REDUCTION AT CHURCH & SHERMAN.
TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE
STAGE 3

LEGEND

- CONSTRUCTION ZONE
- CONSTRUCTION BARRIERS
- OPEN TO PEDS
- PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT
- TRAFFIC PATTERN
- BIKE LANE

45 ESTIMATE OF WORKING DAYS

1. FOUNTAIN SQUARE WORK, ONLY LOCAL SIDEWALK TRAFFIC ALONG EAST SHERMAN AND WEST ORRINGTON.
2. WEST SIDEWALK BETWEEN GROVE AND DAVIS. MAINTAIN SIDEWALK ACCESS TO ALL BUSINESSES WITH TEMPORARY RAMP. 10’ MINIMUM BETWEEN WORK ZONE AND TEMPORARY BARRIER MEDIAN.
3. ADVANCE LANE REDUCTION AT CHURCH & SHERMAN.
TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE
STAGE 4

LEGEND
- CONSTRUCTION ZONE
- CONSTRUCTION BARRIERS
- : OPEN TO PEDESTRIANS
- PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT
- TRAFFIC PATTERN
- BIKE LANE

50 ESTIMATE OF WORKING DAYS
1. FOUNTAIN SQUARE WORK, ONLY LOCAL SIDEWALK TRAFFIC ALONG EAST SHERMAN AND WEST ORRINGTON
2. TRIANGLE PLAZA WORK. MAINTAIN CROSSWALK THROUGH TRIANGLE PLAZA.
3. INTRODUCTION OF LEFT TURN LANE TO THE WEST OF TRIANGLE PLAZA. USE PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE TO DIRECT NEW MOVEMENT.
4. ADVANCE LANE REDUCTION AT CHURCH & SHERMAN

1574- BEACON ACADEMY
1571- TRATTORIA DEMI/ EDZOS
1569- 2ND FLOOR OFFICE
1567- ERGO SALON
1565- WELLSRING
1565- Z08A
1563- 2ND FLOOR OFFICE
1557- PETE MILLERS
1557- 2ND FLOOR OFFICE
1555- UPS
1553- MINUTEMEN PRESS
1551- SUBWAY
1549- OTHER BROTHER COFFEE SHOP

1596- FRESHII
1590- VACANT
1580- OPTIMA TOWERS
1578- OFFICES
TARGET PROJECT BUDGET
$5 MILLION
WASHINGTON NATIONAL TIF

ANTICIPATED
PROJECT SCHEDULE

SPRING/SUMMER 2016
- PLANNING & DESIGN / OUTREACH
- JULY 2016
- CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL
FALL/WINTER 2016
- DESIGN DOCUMENTATION
EARLY 2017
- BID LETTING
SPRING 2017–FALL 2017
- CONSTRUCTION
THANK YOU!

Please share your input &
Visit the website for upcoming announcements

http://cityofevanston.org/public-works/my-fountain-square/

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