



VILLAGE OF
HOMER
BUILDING ON HISTORY

Downtown Revitalization Initiative
Local Planning Committee Meeting 8
Thursday, November 2, 2023

Introduction and Agenda

- ◆ Welcome
- ◆ Revisit Project Schedule
- ◆ Projects Discussion
- ◆ Voting on Project Slate
- ◆ Public Comment

Code of Conduct Preamble

Each Local Planning Committee Member is reminded of their obligation to disclose potential conflicts of interest with respect to projects that may be discussed at today's meeting. If you have a potential conflict of interest regarding a project you believe will be discussed during the meeting, please disclose it now and recuse yourself from any discussion or vote on that project. For example, you may state that you, or a family member, have a financial interest in the project, or you are on the board of the organization proposing the project.

Please inform the LPC co-chairs during the meeting if the need to disclose a conflict arises unexpectedly, and then recuse yourself from discussion or voting on the project.

Project Timeline

- ◆ May
 - ◆ Kick-off Meeting with Village
- ◆ June - LPC Meeting #1
 - ◆ Intro to DRI Program and Roles
 - ◆ Public Engagement Plan
 - ◆ Open Call for Projects
 - ◆ Confirm DRI Boundary
- ◆ July - LPC Meeting #2
 - ◆ Visioning Activities
 - ◆ Public Workshop #1
 - ◆ Office Hours
 - ◆ Data Collection and Analysis / Draft DTP&A
 - ◆ Working groups (if necessary)
- ◆ August - LPC Meeting #3
 - ◆ Finalize Vision, Goals & Strategies
 - ◆ Review Submitted Project List
 - ◆ Review Public Event #1
 - ◆ Plan Public Event #2
 - ◆ Focus Project List
- ◆ September- LPC Meeting #4 & 5
 - ◆ Review/focus Project List
 - ◆ Refine Revitalization Strategies (if needed)
 - ◆ Additional Downtown Analyses (if needed)
 - ◆ Public Projects Site Tour
 - ◆ Private Projects Site Tour
 - ◆ Project Presentations
- ◆ October - LPC Meeting #6
 - ◆ Public Workshop #2
 - ◆ Review/focus project list
 - ◆ Additional virtual LPC
- ◆ November - LPC Meeting #7
 - ◆ Review/focus Project List
 - ◆ Finalize slate of projects
 - ◆ Update Opportunities and Challenges based on Proposed Projects
 - ◆ Public Workshop 3
- ◆ December –
 - ◆ Submit Strategic Investment Plan

LPC Tasks for Today

- ◆ Recap virtual LPC meeting and draft slate
- ◆ Finalize slate

Project Slate – Following October 25th LPC

- ◆ 13 total projects
- ◆ \$15.9 million in requested funding
 - Major updates:
 - ◆ Pedestrian & Streetscape Enhancements planned for other funding sources but kept in document as priority project
 - ◆ Lincoln’s Men Monument removed
 - ◆ Police to Town Hall removed
 - ◆ 11 Water Street removed
 - ◆ Circus House removed
 - ◆ Classy Canna moved to SPF

Downtown Marketing Plan and Signage Program	\$	300,000
Small Projects Fund	\$	500,000
Historic Bridge	\$	300,000
Wellness Spa	\$	1,000,000
Boutique Hotel	\$	4,448,000
Lofts at Brockway Square	\$	3,600,000
Train Station Commercial Space	\$	396,000
Village Food Market Renovations	\$	139,000
American Legion Post Project	\$	409,530
Village of Homer Year- Round Farmers Market, Community Center & Kitchen	\$	822,500
Little White Church Transformation	\$	1,169,393
Totals	\$	15,994,423

Festival Grounds Discussion

Improve the Homer Festival Grounds (53 South Main Street) - The project will include a greening of current parking lots with rain gardens, new restrooms, the repositioning of existing basketball courts, and the creation of an east-west pedestrian spine that will connect those using Main Street into the newly revamped park located north of the basketball courts. The project will also include the removal of asphalt to reduce the width of the existing parking lot, provide a pathway to allow for paddling and fishing access, naturalization of the stormwater outfall, and interpretive panel.

Sponsor – Village of Homer

- Total Project Cost - \$2,258,000
- Total Project Cost without bathrooms - \$1,425,000
- Requested DRI Amount - ? (100%)
- Other funding sources – N/A

What are the must haves for this project?
What can be slated into future improvements?



Proposed Improvements:

1. East-west pedestrian spine from N. Main Street to the river
2. Replace excess areas of asphalt with grass and trees
3. Reorient basketball courts north-south, which is the recommended orientation and which creates space for the east-west pedestrian spine
4. Incorporate rain gardens for stormwater management
5. Reduce overly wide parking lot drive aisle to create room for grass, trees and sidewalks
6. Proposed restroom building
7. Naturalize the stormwater outfall to create an ephemeral stormwater display and provide an interpretive panel about green infrastructure and stormwater management
8. Provide access to the river for paddlecrafft and to provide the experience of touching the water
9. Paver plaza extends event space at community building
10. River overlook

Projects to be Included in SIP but not for DRI Funding

- ◆ Projects that were removed from Slate that can still be listed as a priority for the Village:
 - Riverwalk
 - Streetscape Enhancements
 - Lincoln's Men Monument
 - Police to Town Hall
 - 11 Water Street
 - Circus House

Next Steps and Discussion

- ◆ Final Public Workshop – November 29th
 - Town Hall – 5:30 PM
- ◆ Final document due to DOS – December 15th