

APPENDIX 'A'

Summary of a Meeting Held to Discuss Streetscaping Possibilities on Wyandotte Street West

July 28, 2010, 7-9pm

Green Bean Café, 2320 Wyandotte St. W.

Introductions

Brief background on documents and information.

1. Where (what part of Wyandotte West are we looking at?)
 - Mill / Indian on West to McEwan on East
 - Include Benson school site / park?
2. What (elements we are interested in seeing there?)
 - European-type crosswalks
 - Wider sidewalks, parking on one side
 - Directed pedestrian lighting, smart lighting and LEDs
 - Fixed garbage containers (not to be tipped over).
 - Control litter – attach bins to light poles?
 - Bicycle lanes
 - Mark presence of “Entering University District”
 - Trees are an inexpensive way to make this street prettier.
3. Why (would this area merit streetscaping?)
 - Heavy pedestrian traffic here.
 - Visitor traffic (first impression of Windsor)
 - International visitors travelling downtown from bridge
 - Out of town visitors to University
 - Safety concerns
 - Erratic pedestrian movements
 - Bicyclists on sidewalks
 - Truck traffic
 - International students present - image of Windsor they “take home”.
 - Traffic calming per European examples; will existing number of traffic lanes remain?
 - Cyclists present
 - University of Windsor is a town of over 17,000 –what can a small town of that size support?
 - Parking
 - University students use it especially after business hours.
 - On street competes for right of way use maybe off-street lots instead of on-street parking?
 - Eliminate parking on one side of street?

- Will truck traffic remain? Does existing design for road accommodate the weight of trucks?
 - Major bus route
 - What effect does pedestrianization of Wyandotte W have on University Ave W?
 - This area, every year is the area people see and move into (University).
 - Need to work with university to diversify Windsor's economy
4. When (is the "right" time to do streetscaping?)
- Being a gateway should be enough –city dollars for Dougall Gateway spent on that premise.
 - Students range from assets to "a concern".
 - Tenants sense of pride/stewardship is variable; "quality people attract quality"
 - UofW Centre for Engineering Innovation has created a "new presence" on Wyandotte. This is a new economic generator zone for the future.
 - Develop a sustainable streetscape that isn't so labour/maintenance intensive
 - Council Resolution 101/2009 includes a new storm sewer and sanitary sewer to replace the deficient combined sewer, new concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters and an asphalt road. The total construction cost is estimated to be \$2.1 million. Engineering design is being undertaken in the 2010 year with construction schedule to commence in 2011.
5. Who (needs to be involved?)
- University needs to be involved and be "partners"
 - There is no BIA in Wyandotte West
 - Town and Gown Committee and Homeowners Association do exist
 - Indian Road interests
6. How (should Wyandotte W streetscaping project proceed?)
- "benchmark" the best of the best in terms of pedestrian/bikes before cars
 - Crown jewel of streetscapes should be the goal
 - Involve University e.g. create custom bike stands that are artistic (i.e. follow Tecumseh example)
 - Add to existing lamp standards, décor elements.
 - Follow example of lighting per Walker Rd underpass
 - Branded area (banners)
 - Who will monitor this after it is built? Property standards need to be enforced.
 - Involve students to devise a sustainable design and foster attachment, change behaviours (per U of Waterloo, U of Michigan examples)