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Subject: Agenda items 23081 & 23082 input

Hello!

If possible, I would love to provide input on the agenda items 23081 & 23082 (Foxtown Brewing & Dog Park) for the June 26th City Plan Commission meeting. I am unfortunately unable to attend this meeting to provide input due to a scheduling conflict.

I was also hoping to inquire on the best way to comment on agenda items. Is it alright to do so via this email address or is there another preferred method?

Input:

Regarding the agenda items 23081 & 23082, I live in the neighborhood, walk along the riverwalk daily, and find this project to be extremely exciting! I am thrilled with the approach of this site. I fully support this project & am excited to see how it transforms the neighborhood!

I do have 1 concern though that I want to bring up. I would strongly implore the planning commission to push for a better, more direct connection to the existing riverwalk. If I'm looking at the plans correctly, this extension requires pedestrians to walk all the way from the river to the existing crosswalk/traffic signal, then all the way back. While the added walk is super minor in the grand scheme of things, I feel this setup fundamentally detracts from the value created by the riverwalk system by creating unnecessary segmentation and incentivizes just walking on Plankinton instead of continuing down the riverwalk. I strongly feel that a grade separated connection should be required for this connection.

There is plenty of clearance under the bridge in the river & Clybourn is elevated high enough from the existing riverwalk that a land based solution such as a pedestrian tunnel could potentially also be feasible as well. It is frustrating that this design does not incorporate a low stress path that doesn't require negotiating with the terrible crosswalk that currently exists on Clybourn.

While I understand that there are design/cost/regulatory issues associated with touching the waterway/road, I feel that the current approach feels uninspired & doesn't mesh well with the existing riverwalk system. The approach this design takes makes the riverwalk feel segmented in a way that truly detracts from its utility.

Please provide a better connection to the riverwalk.

Thank you so much!

-Brian Manzella