Background

- Goal of identifying proactive strategies to preserve historic properties
- Members include HPC commissioners and members of local non-profits
- Used a list developed in 2017 as a starting point
Update

• The group has completed their initial list, which includes over 500 properties and several neighborhoods
• From this list, the group has selected 8 focus properties for 2019
• Each property has an identified lead person and proactive strategy
2019 Focus Property

1246, 1216, 1214, 1200, and 1120 2nd Ave SE
Strategy: Adaptive Reuse and Local Landmarking
Lead Contact: Bob Grafton (Friends of Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation)
2019 Focus Property

Czech School, 925 and 917 2nd St SE
Strategy: Outreach and Adaptive Reuse
Lead Contact: Cindy Hadish (SaveCR Heritage)
2019 Focus Property

325 2nd Ave SE—Muskwaki Block, former Dragon Chinese Restaurant Building
Strategy: Adaptive Reuse
Lead Contact: Mark Stoffer Hunter (Friends of Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation)
2019 Focus Property

1508 1st Ave NE—Office of Dr. Byron McKeeby, model for Grant Wood’s “American Gothic”
Strategy: Outreach, Adaptive Reuse, other
Lead Contact: Ron Mussman (HPC & Friends of Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation)
Lesinger Block, 1317 3rd St SE—NRHP listed
Strategy: Outreach
Lead Contact: Cindy Hadish (SaveCR Heritage) and Jay Vavra (SaveCR Heritage)
2019 Focus Property

309 8th Street SE
Strategy: Outreach
Lead Contact: Amanda McKnight Grafton (Friends of Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation)
2019 Focus Property

CSPS Hall, 1103 3rd St SE—NRHP Landmark
Strategy: Outreach and Local Landmarking
Lead Contact: Jay Vavra (SaveCR Heritage) and Ron Lower (HPC)
2019 Focus Property

Mother Mosque, 1335 9th St NW—NRHP listed
Strategy: Outreach and Local Landmarking
Lead Contact: Ron Lower (HPC)
Next Steps

• Outreach to property owners, including informational handout

• Group will continue to meet biannually to share updates
Thank you!
Wellbeing Advisory Committee
Work Plan

September 4, 2019
Development Committee
Background

• **Wellbeing Advisory Committee**
  - Established in 2016 to support the on-going work of creating a healthy community and assist the Cedar Rapids City Council with matters related to well-being.
  - Required to develop annual work plan
  - 9 members
Work Plan Goals

1. Increased access to and consumption of healthy foods
2. Increased social connectedness
3. Support increased access and utilization of places for physical activity
4. High resident satisfaction
5. Improved health indicators/decrease in chronic disease indicators
FY19 Accomplishments

- Successfully advocated for adoption of smoke-free playgrounds ordinance
- Support worksite wellness initiatives and summit
- Support social connectedness events including Healthiest State Walk, Meet Me at the Market
- Supported Pedestrian Master Plan development through four walk audits
- Championed Sun Safety at the Farm initiative at Old MacDonald’s Farm
- Brought together community stakeholders (to identify barriers or gaps and support what’s already in place, relative to community well-being)
Next Steps

- Wellbeing Advisory Committee recommended approval on July 10, 2019
- Development Committee recommendation
- City Council on September 10, 2019

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First Time Home Buyer & HOME Program Updates
Development Committee
September 4, 2019
Proposed Changes

Removal of local purchase price limit
  - New Underwriting Requirements
  - HOME Program has a purchase cap

Program start date moved to spring
  - In line with the market
  - Reduces exterior work in winter conditions

Increase amount of assistance
  - New guidance requires focus on affordability
  - Administration difficulties with lower amount
Timeline

September 23, 2019 – Public Comment Period Ends
September 25, 2019 – City Council Resolution

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6th Street SW Area Action Plan

• Identified in EnvisionCR as a priority road for a Corridor Action Plan
• 6th Street SW from 1st Avenue to Highway 30
• Coordinates with upcoming Paving for Progress project, which will convert from 4 to 3 lanes and add sidewalks and bus stops
Public Input

• Online survey: cityofcr.com/6thStSW
• First Public Input Session—August 7, following Paving for Progress Open House
• Received feedback on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
• Plan to do further stakeholder outreach
Next Steps

• Continue stakeholder outreach
• Publish results of public input
• Fall 2019: First Open House
• Winter 2019: Second Open House
• Spring/Summer 2020: Plan Adoption
Questions?

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Development Committee Update

Ellis Boulevard and 6th Street NW Connector
September 9, 2019
Project Update

- Mid American Acquisition 1st Quarter 2020
- Union Pacific Railroad 3 crossing closures for one new crossing. Options:
  - B/C Ave NW
  - I Ave NW
  - East Side Alternatives for 3rd Closure
- April 2019 public meeting
- Coordination with Transit
- Planning and Design – Ongoing
- Property Acquisition – Ongoing
- Begin Construction – Spring 2021
- Construction Complete – Fall 2022
• E Ave Mini-roundabout conversion
• Patching between E Ave & F Ave NW
• Complete closure of intersection during construction
• Detour through traffic
• Maintain access to all residents and businesses
• Connector segment between E Ave and B Ave NW
• Reconfigure accesses
• At-grade railroad crossing
• Close 6th St NW At B Ave NW during construction
• Detour local traffic
• Pavement reconstruction from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to B Ave NW
• Signal Replacement at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave
• Complete closure of 6<sup>th</sup> St NW during construction
• Detour 6<sup>th</sup> St traffic
New Railroad Crossing

• Union Pacific Railroad
• Require 3 crossing closures
  – B/C Ave NW
  – I Ave NW
  – East Side Alternatives for 3rd Closure
Project Timeline
Planning and Design – Summer 2018 – Fall 2020
Property Acquisition – Fall 2019 – Fall 2020
Begin Construction – Spring 2021
Construction Complete – Fall 2022
Czech Village/NewBo Area Action Plan
Development Committee
September 4, 2019
Area Action Plan Focus

• Typical Action Plan Elements
  • Connectivity – vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, transit
  • Land Use – density and intensity, mix and integration of types, efficient utilization
  • Streetscapes – landscaping, lighting, amenities
  • Character – building placement, location, height, historic nature
  • Placemaking – key intersections, gateways, signage
Advisory Group

• Role
  • Provide feedback
  • Preview public engagement activities
  • Encourage and advocate

• Members
  • Pam Lewis
  • Jennifer Stewart
  • Abby Huff
  • Don Barrigar
  • Craig Byers
  • Jim Piersall

  • David Tominsky
  • Steve Shriver
  • Lynette Richards
  • Eric Wullner
  • Steve Sovern
  • Dale Todd
Additional Considerations

Considerations unique to the Czech Village/NewBo Area Action Plan include:

• Czech Village Greenway Park Plan Review
• Gateways
  • 3rd Street SE/8th Avenue SE
  • 16th Avenue SE Bridge
• Trail Connections and bicycle traffic
Plan Development Timeline

- February 28th, 2018 - Czech Village/NewBo Summit Meeting
- March 12th, 2018 - Czech Village/NewBo Summit Meeting
- May 31st, 2018 - Czech Village/NewBo Summit Meeting
- September 12th – 14th, 2018 - Sinclair Site Design Workshop
- April 1st, 2019 - Advisory Group Kick-off
- June 5th, 2019 - Visioning Workshop
- July 17th – 19th, 2019 - Design Workshop
Visioning Workshop

• June 5th – 50+ attendees
• Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Challenges Analysis
• Geographic Mapping Exercise
SWOC Analysis

• Strengths
  • Historic buildings
  • Walkable
  • Arts and cultural reputation
  • Lots of land for infill/expansion

• Weaknesses
  • Lack of shuttle/transit service
  • Lack of cultural curation
  • Scale/context of new development
SWOC Analysis

• Opportunities
  • Trolley loop
  • Access to the river
  • City-owned property open for development
  • Well designed architecture

• Challenges
  • Finding developers willing to go small
  • Rent and housing costs
  • Limited hours and days for retailers
Geographic Mapping Exercise

- Focus on Housing and Public Amenities
  - Trails
  - Playground
  - Boutique hotel
  - Unique bridge lighting
  - Lot 44 development
  - Year round Roundhouse
  - Housing around greenway park
  - Housing around Sinclair Site
Design Workshop

- July 17th – July 19th
  - Consultant design studio in Cedar Rapids
- Day 1
  - Concept Formulation
  - Public pin-up session
- Day 2
  - Refinement of concepts
  - Public pin-up session
- Day 3
  - Refinement of concepts
  - Public pin-up session
Design Workshop – Day 1

• Concept A

• Concept A Results
Design Workshop – Day 1

- Concept B
- Concept B Results
Design Workshop – Day 1

• Concept C

• Concept C Results
Design Workshop – Day 1

• Concept D

• Concept D Results
Design Workshop – Day 2

- Czech Village A
- Czech Village A Results
Design Workshop – Day 2

- Czech Village B
- Czech Village B Results
Design Workshop – Day 2

- NewBo Infill
- NewBo Infill Results
Design Workshop – Day 2

- Sinclair Site
- Sinclair Site Results
Design Workshop Day 3

- Final Draft Concept
Next Steps

• October 2019 - Open House
• November – City Planning Commission
• November/December 2019 - City Council Adoption

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Presentation

River Recreation Feasibility Study
Background

• This summer, the City put out an RFP for a consultant to conduct an River Recreation Feasibility and Implementation Study
• Goal is to determine the best river recreation option for Cedar Rapids
Scope of Work

• Analysis of river conditions, including hydrology, water volume and flow, dam mitigation
• Economic impact assessment
• Consideration of compatibility with the Flood Control System and Greenway Parks Plan
Deliverables

• Development of several conceptual design alternatives
• Maps and graphics for selected final design
• Final report with pictures and graphics, phasing plan, and order of magnitude cost estimates
Next Steps

- City Council Approval of Consultant Team: September 10
- Execute contract
- Project expected to take 9 months – 1 year to complete