



CITY OF PENDLETON
COURT AVENUE & RIVER PARKWAY ENHANCEMENTS

DESIGN WORKSHOP
March 18, 19, and 20
2008

MEETING SUMMARIES
&
OPEN HOUSE COMMENTS



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Summary of Design Workshop

The City of Pendleton invited residents to participate in a three-day design workshop focused on enhancements to Court Avenue and the Umatilla River Parkway. The purpose of the design workshop was to identify opportunities and constraints, generate design options and prioritize projects that will improve the Court Avenue streetscape, provide connections to the River Parkway, and enhance the River Parkway itself.

The calendar of events below summarizes the structure of the workshop. Over the course of three days, City staff and the design team met with stakeholders and Technical Advisory Committee members each morning; for a site tour the first day, and to discuss and prioritize design options on the second and third day. The consultant team used the afternoons to generate and refine design alternatives based on conversations during the morning meetings. The City and consultant team then held open houses on Wednesday and Thursday evenings to present ideas to the community and seek feedback on specific design concepts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 18

8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Site Tour and Discussion
12:00 – 7:00 p.m. Design work (design team)

Wednesday, March 19

8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Stakeholder and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Design work (design team)
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Public Open House

Thursday, March 20

8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Stakeholder and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Design work (design team)
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Public Open House

Priorities

The City and the design team worked with stakeholders and the Technical Advisory Committee to identify priorities for the overall project, summarized below:

- Enhance the Westgate intersection to provide for an improved gateway to Pendleton in coordination with planning for and construction of intersection improvements being undertaken by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Create a strong pedestrian environment along Court Street between the Roundup grounds and downtown in coordination with utility undergrounding
- Improve the appearance, safety and usability of the River Parkway as a catalyst for future connections to it from Court Avenue and other locations
- Create new access parks and plazas between the River Parkway and Court Avenue, starting with a new Riverfront Park on city-owned property between 4th and 5th Streets
- Create a new Byers Street Plaza and an enhanced connection to the River Parkway in the short term; create a direct (street-level) connection to the Umatilla River in the longer term

Next Steps

- City staff and the design team will summarize the results of the workshop and post on the project website <http://www.pendleton.or.us/>

- The design team will refine recommendations and options based on feedback received during the design workshop
- The Technical Advisory Committee and Pendleton Development Commission (PDC) will review the recommendations
- City staff and the design team will refine and present to PDC for approval
- The project team will Begin Phase 2 which will involve preliminary design of selected short-term improvements

Following is a summary of comments received at each individual meeting conducting during the workshop process.

Stakeholder/Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2008
8:30 a.m.
Site Tour and Debrief

During this meeting, advisory committee members and other citizens met with the project team (consultants and city staff) to do the following:

- Hear an overview of the project objectives, study area, related planning efforts and preliminary ideas about opportunities and constraints
- Conduct a site tour along Court Avenue and the River Parkway
- Discuss observations from the site tour and plans for the remainder of the workshop process

After introductions, Bob Patterson gave an overview of the project, commenting on the following key points:

- Design concepts for the Court/Dorion/Westgate intersection will inform the ODOT improvements to the travel lanes along Court Avenue in terms of what utilities to provide; these concepts need finalizing by April 2008 when the project goes to Bid
- ODOT in charge of reconfiguring the intersection and patterns of traffic flow
- Construction for the intersection begins June 2009
- ODOT only responsible for surfacing the streets from face of curb to face of curb; will address ADA ramps at each intersection along Court Avenue
- Funding for additional project components may come later (grants, bond measures, etc)

Matt Hastie then gave a quick synopsis of the schedule for the next three days.

Site Tour Notes: Court/Dorion/Westgate Intersection

- Pedestrian islands proposed to minimize crossing distance
- Gateway features possible with sight constraints
- This area is totally different during Round-Up – packed with people
- Signage opportunities

Roy Raley Park

- Statue or signage to indicate park entrance
- Safety issues with intersection
- Move internal road to center of the park.
- Make the entrance a right-out only
- ADA parking for Round-Up near grounds side

8th Street/Court Avenue

- Connection
- Garage
- Earth ramps to provide access to the river.
- Lack of connection to Dorion an issue for residents here and on other streets; constraint to Parkway access
- Stairways, stone, brick landscaping

7th Street/Court Avenue

- Property owners offered right-of-way to the City
- Consider moving house to accommodate connection to Parkway at this street

6th Street/Court Avenue

- Only ½ street right-of-way in public ownership

- Mix of ramps/no ramps may be needed to access Parkway
- On street parking at some access points helps reduce need for parking within access points/right-of-way between Court and Parkway
- Use color of signage or in wall materials to draw people's eyes to Parkway access
- Continue sidewalk along Court Avenue as it crosses right-of-way instead of having curb cuts at this and/or other access points

4th Street/Court Avenue

- Key park opportunity
- Consider parking elevated space to provide better views of river itself
- Don't clutter it too much
- Break into smaller spaces
- Consider Round-Up focus in signage or materials
- Avoid visual barriers
- Enhance the view/connection to river

3rd Street/Court Avenue

- Parking
- May be relatively lower priority compared to other access points since close to 4th Street park/access

2nd street/Court Avenue

- Visual connections
- Way finding opportunity for directional signage to Parkway
- Be sensitive to what is already done (murals, landscaping)
- Treat street to make more like open space/plaza area
- Close during certain times to allow for use for community events
- Need to improve Parkway connection, visibility, design and pedestrian connection/link to River and Parkway
- Change plantings and materials to improve appearance
- Add color to draw attention to access point

Possible Overlook Area Along Parkway

- Incorporate at new park site instead of at separate location
- Lightweight structure and materials, possibly cantilevered
- Street connection important
- Consider boat put-in and take out – where would other take out spots be?

Parkway Treatment

- Lighting for safety
- Consistent fencing
- Trash receptacles
- Benches, gathering points
- Fiber optic cable proposal – may represent opportunity to install lighting conduit more cheaply as well as security cameras
- Improve design and connection to Roy Raley Park
- Modify access road configuration at Roy Raley Park connection

Debrief Discussion:

- Opening up the Parkway will help address safety issues.
- Is a pedestrian overpass near roundup grounds feasible?
- Round-Up grounds fence design ideas:
 - Look at integrating with other design concepts throughout district

- Include pedestrian lighting for promenade inside fence to illuminate both interior and exterior walkways
- Use powder-coated steel for fence and brick around it
- This concept is 2-years old. It is not necessarily a given.
- Import elements of it, use as ideas for our efforts.
- Shares design elements with the Bedford Bridge
- Straightforward, simple, improvement over cyclone fence, historic elements and materials.
- Design elements should tie into the historic downtown character
- ODOT lighting standards overkill in terms of minimum lumens required
- How does the Roy Raley Room fit in?
- Concept should complement history and other community design elements
- Follow this concept from Court Street to Downtown
- Is the Round-Up its own entity? Does it connect with other elements and how different or similar should it be to designs in other areas?
- Should the Round-Up grounds have their own personality, distinct from downtown? Possibly.
- Good reasons to keep this somewhat separate.
- Need to tie some of the gateway, other designs to citywide themes/branding.
- Any way to incorporate new city slogans “Where the Real West Lives” or “Pendleton: What a Kick!”
- “Structure Preserving Transformation” (Christopher Alexander)—blend of tradition and a fresh look. Stand upon past but don’t just create a picture of the past. Keep the community alive and strong. i.e. a fence incorporating inviting images and materials such as rodeo champions, wood, circular elements
- The fence also serves a security function. It keeps people in and out of the Round-Up grounds during the event
- Treatment of the grounds inside the fence helps entice people.
- Don’t make it look too much like a prison.
- Fence needs to visually obstruct back of vendors and their refuse
- Boardwalk paving pattern and “Gas” street lights already a precedent established downtown, although not entirely favored by residents
- There are public art opportunities in the gateway (artist’s competition).

Stakeholders/Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
8:30 a.m.

During this meeting, advisory committee members and other citizens met with the project team (consultants and city staff) to review and discuss preliminary ideas about possible projects that could be implemented meet the overall project objectives and respond to opportunities and constraints identified during the site tour and previous day's meeting. Participants also discussed plans for that evening's public open house.

Based on stakeholder and TAC discussion during and after the Site Tour on Tuesday morning, the design team divided the project area into four areas; the Gateway area around the west-end intersection, the park network, improvements to Court Avenue, and Byers Street Plaza. The team presented different design options for each area and asked stakeholders and TAC members to provide feedback and ideas. Below is a summary of comments:

Gateway:

Mike Faha introduced design ideas for the Gateway/west end intersection. The existing conditions create visual clutter and confusion. The challenge is to reduce the clutter. The interior islands have sight line conflicts.

- Not a lot of people walking in intersection during Round-Up.
- Are people there [at the intersection] year-round? Pedestrian safety and way-finding is important.
- Focus on year-round conditions.
- Delineate crossing points clearly and create refuges.
- Provide alternate crossing locations.
- Okay with dressing up intersections but leave basalt/natural approach in islands and tie it in closely with the Round-Up grounds/western themes.
- Area B1 (along Westgate on South side of street opposite Convention Center) has issues and opportunities regarding the railroad. Could propose a barrier to the tracks. If the design can address railroad concerns [preventing trespassers on railroad property], they may support the idea.
- Will stamped paving pattern show up in this area?
- Subtle changes in grade could make a big statement and stamping can be visible if elevated.
- Check out the example of Frazer Park western rock theme. You don't really see that when passing by.
- Consider curbing with brick. (may not be feasible due to softer characteristics of brick)
- Use colored concrete or stone.
- Chamber of Commerce is studying signage towards prison.
- Is signage here important? Signage could announce "Pendleton Industrial Area" and/or "Downtown"
- Great opportunity to participate in railroad site.
- Flagpole with woolen mill or other pattern, continue the theme downtown.
- What is the cost of undergrounding utilities?
- It is approximately \$80k for three blocks, only including removal of poles and lines.
- Is there an opportunity for utility companies to pay or to pass the cost along to ratepayers?
- Sculpture idea (see submitted sketches).

Park Network:

John Dykhuizen and Tim Strand introduced design concepts for a park network. The concept incorporates the "string of pearls" theme. The small parks along Court Ave are the pearls and

the River is the string. The River is the unifying element that ties the parks together. The goal is to integrate the River and the City.

- Problem is that we don't see the river. Is it possible to raise the elevation of the park?
- Probably cannot raise the park enough, but could raise portions. That would have cost implications and ADA issues. Need to separate and/or transition grade change from Court Avenue so as to not enhance the visual barrier.
- Does the City agree to maintain trees?
- Monuments related to Chief Joseph or other Native American theme?
- Consider design competition and vary monuments.
- Possible to decrease noise? Only with earthwork... vegetation screen give the illusion of screening sound.
- Is it possible to incorporate water features into designs?
- Are there ways to decrease sound? Earthen berms and walls.
- Don't want to create a screen.
- Be careful of walls and barriers along Court Ave.
- It is hard to create intimate spaces close to Court Avenue with the amount of traffic and noise. Intimate is a stretch. Street is also dirty, which is a challenge.
- The park is more a way to divert thoughts.
- There is the potential to feel intimate with flanking structures or trees.
- Parking opportunities? Consider changing to 5th Street to increase parking. Some spaces with more urban feel could include parking opportunities.
- Is the City purchasing properties between 5th and 6th? The City does not have any active plans to purchase those properties. If someone approaches the City, they will be willing to consider it.
- Parks need to increase visibility of the River Parkway. People now feel isolated. Want to draw attention to the Parkway from Court Ave.
- Signage and other features could draw attention.
- I like the diversity of ideas and the idea of parking to be flexible.
- Could use terraces to lead to River Parkway.

Court Street Design:

John and Tim discussed different ideas for improvements to Court Avenue itself, including sidewalk improvements, bulb-outs, and landscaping.

- Will the parking strip continue to be the responsibility of owners or will it become a City responsibility?
- There are different models: 1) the City maintains; 2) City maintains until vegetation is established; or 3) business and homeowners create a district with fees to maintain.

Byers Street Access/Plaza Options

Mark Seder introduced four conceptual designs for the Byers Street Access/Plaza, explaining that this location has opportunities to be a gateway to the River Parkway.

- Like the concept of getting to the River, but have seen very high water levels.
- What is the cost to put in boards/gates?
- 4 Options presented:
 - #1 – Do Nothing
 - #2 – Pedestrian Plaza (parade street) along Byers Avenue
 - #3 - #2 with flood control panels in opened floodwall; overlook at city grade
 - #4 - #3, but terracing down to water's edge beyond floodwall
- #2 could lead to #3 in the future. #2 or #3 would preclude #4.
- What about moving the wall in but make it permanent? That would have the same impacts as #4, but no visual connection to the River.
- There is a maintenance issue with #4 after the area floods, especially if the area is lower.
- Other option is to have the steps on the Riverside of the levy.

- Fluctuation of the River is very high. Only stable time of the year is in the winter. The most attractive time of year on the river is about one month per year (May-June) or Fall when there is more water and vegetation.
- Love #4 but breaking the levy is problematic. Very hard sell and uphill battle to convince people that it's feasible. Start with #2 and keep #3 option open.
- Like #3 to start with, best impact for connecting to the river.
- Don't think #4 is a realistic option – concerns about rising waters and debris pounding away at terrace structure, eventually washing it away.
- Degree of success for #2 may help support #3 later.
- #3 would dramatically increase the use of the area.
- Better integrate the existing platform area and improve ability to use it. People don't use it much now.
- This is the gateway to the River Parkway. Steps: 1) redesign gateway; 2) expansion of space/plaza to the right-of-way; and 3) breaching the levy.
- Still have private land. Not impacting private land with options #2 and #3.
- Integrate gateway and plaza.
- Phase the plaza: 1) street and sidewalk only; 2) expand the parking lot.
- Need storefronts to create active areas for a plaza.
- Can still be active at specific times during activities.

1st Open House
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
6:00-9:00 p.m.

City staff and the design team hosted a public open house to present design alternatives generated during the previous two days. The displays were organized and placed around the room according to categories; Westgate Intersection Gateway, Court Avenue Improvements System of Parks, River Parkway Enhancements, and Byers Street Plaza. There was no formal presentation. Additional displays also provided information about inspirational images and projects, previous planning studies in the area, examples of design features and concepts and study area conditions. Residents were encouraged to comment on the design options by writing on post-it notes, placing dots on their preferred alternative, and filling out comment forms. There were approximately 30-35 attendees.

Comments and Post-it notes

- Pedestrian bridge is a great idea – would really help downtown
- Need to keep good visibility to keep it safe.
- 9th Street is a driveway – need to consider existing uses of these spaces
- Pocket park designs should be respectful to neighboring properties (neighbors may be opposed to the public walking so close to their homes)
- “Riverside” area already exists – may consider renaming park between 4th and 5th Streets
- Would really like to have a water feature that spouted for quick cool-offs
- Need places for families to go for picnics/hanging out.
- Easy places to park and unloads bikes, kids and dogs.
- Who will water and prune the trees along Court Street?
- Please consider protecting bird-life from all the traffic and people on the river.
- Really like the overlooks.
- Love the new pedestrian bridge idea, makes a great walking loop.
- Should look at Union Pacific RxR structure at Umatilla and Wildhorse Creek confluence:
 - Donated to City of Pendleton
 - Has amenities like BBQ grill and ADA ramps
- I like Model A (of the Court Street/Parkway connections) – it draws me out of an urban environment and makes me want to explore and see what’s down there.
- Really like the bulb outs on Court Avenue. Slows down traffic and makes the street special.
- I like Model B (of the Court Street/Parkway connections) urban emphasis.
- Pedestrian Bridge at 4th to Pioneer Park is great! We would rank this as a high priority.
- Location at 4th Street may interfere with private property on the North side of the River
- Having the same elements in all three areas (lighting, paving, benches etc) could be very cohesive in trying it all together.
- Love the Byers Plaza idea!
- Really like the ‘boulevard’ concept with trees along the street. Only concern is continued care since issue as arisen on Main with the trees.
- Thank you all for your hard work! I’m rally excited about the possibilities.
- Police station egress may conflict with Byers festival street features – must accommodate
- For me, priorities are:
 - 1) Get the Dairy Queen interchange and area in front of the Round-Up grounds done beautifully so it’s filled in by 2010.
 - 2) The bulb outs on corners while ODOT is working on the street.
 - 3) Byers Plaza (start on both ends of Court Avenue and work to the middle).
 - 4) The park between 4th and 5th.

- Love the bulb outs
- Can monitoring station be modified?
- 5th Street is on axis with Gordon Smith's house
- Bird Habitat
 - Choke Cherry
 - Native nests here
 - Black Crown Night Herons nesting on island and along North side of river
 - Island has large duck population at downstream tip
- Connect to River
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Spruce = night roosts
 - Osprey nest
 - Pheasants
- Monuments
 - Saddles/horses as benches
 - Bronze chips/ photo-ops
 - Bucking Horse
- Love the Byers Plaza Idea!
- Turn the corner of Byers into a Pedestrian Plaza. Put the Farmer's Market on the Plaza. Turn that into a hub of activity.
- Love the Byers Plaza idea. So many options & potential for new uses & to bring "life" to downtown core. Perfect way to integrate downtown & river & encourage use.
- Access to river for fishing & children desired.
- Thanks for your ideas for the Byers Plaza -- it would be great to have more connection with the river by having activities there, so close to downtown retail.
- Straighter flow needed into parkway, vs. Brownfield area twisting path.
- Brownfield is gateway to east Parkway
- What is the actual required height of the levee?
- Everyone that was in favor of Options 2, 3 and even 4, liked the raised river-viewing platform that can also address the plaza space
- The downtown group says Downtown Plaza is # 1 priority
- Some elevated platform seating at plaza desired
- Much discussion about flooding or lack thereof, and what actually happens during such
- Some discussion and differing views of the water quality of the river at different times of the year.
- Discussions about fishing and wildlife habitat along the river
- Discussion about individual businesses near proposed downtown plaza, including restaurant, offices, bank, police.
- Discussion about parking near proposed plaza that occurs now in early morning for parkway users from too far away to drive, or from up the hill
- Liked the accessibility and controllability of the plaza from the police station, and continuing access to the police station and bank from Court if and as First would be closed for plaza events coming down the street as well.
- Farmer's market use of the plaza was generally favored, as were arts and music events

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2008
8:30 a.m.

Prioritization/Project Discussion

Mike Faha and Matt Hastie lead the group through a discussion of project priorities based on comments the team has heard so far. The group used a matrix that compared design concepts and methods for prioritization. Matt Hastie led the group through a dot exercise to allow each stakeholder/TAC member vote on preferred priorities. The group also discussed plans for that evening's public meeting. Below are comments received during the discussion and after the dot exercise.

Gateway Intersection Comments

- Line of Sight issues
- Opportunities to have gateway structure to the west of the intersection (Westgate)
- City met with RxR – excited about landscaping in their ROW, as long as security measures are provided
- Features must have low maintenance
- Preference for xeriscaping
- Need to address ODOT process soon (comments needed within 1-2 months to identify needed infrastructure in islands and right-of-way)
- Push ODOT to do as much as possible
- 2010 construction deadline immediate priority but not only priority

Court Avenue Streetscape and Parkway Connection Comments

- Court Avenue between Intersection and 10th Street:
 - Maintenance concerns – there should be a maintenance plan
 - Round-Up groups – incorporate pavement patterns and tree grates consistent with roundup grounds/theme
 - Make sure enough room to widen sidewalks
 - Emphasis should be “friendly” and “green”
 - Paving patterns should match character of Round-Up
 - Trees could be unifying element to downtown
 - Shade structures instead of trees on Court?
 - Haven't discussed except at gates
- Connections between Court Avenue and River Parkway
 - Be respectful of private property
 - Heron nesting areas – opportunities and possible conflict – need careful siting of structures
 - Value in creating whole vision
 - Trees could be unifying element to downtown
 - Like different character of access points
 - Consider using parking in some access areas
 - Consider combining overlook and pedestrian bridge near 8th Street – would be better opportunity
 - May not use Urban Renewal District funds for improvements outside the District (e.g., pedestrian bridge across river)
 - People really want to connect court to river environment water feature could help with that
 - Overwhelming enthusiasm for bringing the “River” into the “City” concept
 - Like water feature idea
 - Connecting – Parkway and river is less clear – Parkway = river
 - Shade and places to rest will increase use of Parkway

- Improvements in visibility and access will increase use of Parkway
- Cleaning up river Parkway should be #1 priority
- Fence vandalism a key consideration – “Indestructability”
- Like terracing idea
- Enthusiasm for idea of access points as “Trailheads”
- Is less formal environment more cluttered? Not necessarily.
- Concerned about neighbors on right-of-way and avoiding impacts on them
- Don’t make too busy
- Don’t block visibility
- Most benefit to residents with focus on Parkway
- City obligation to improve and maintain Parkway
- Assume others will help with intersection, etc

Dot Exercise – Individual comments and reasons for choices:

Leslie:

- Gateway is the front door to/first impressions of the community
- Byers Plaza is the other bookend
- Fill this in with Pocket Parks over time

Cheryl Doyle:

- Is under the impression ODOT will take care of intersection
- Wants to achieve the “most finished” project
 - Utilities, Gateway, Court Ave Streetscape, Parkway connections

Dick Prowse:

- Was under the impression this project was focused primarily on River Parkway improvements
- Would like educational features
- Connections between Court and Parkway important
- Streetscape would be an impossibility

John Chess:

- Not wrapped up in 2010 deadline, this project should be a legacy and not a “flash in the pan”
- Concentrated more on intersection and its relation to the Round-Up Grounds
- Park connections important, will drive the improvements along the Parkway

Aaron Skrivin:

- Agrees with John
- Parkway is paramount
- Limited funding, so commitment should be to residents
- City should maintain and improve for responsibility to River
- Round-Up will take care of their own
- Preference is for Pocket Parks instead of Riverside Park
- Really likes pedestrian bridge but fears low maintenance

Mary Hallman:

- Mostly concerned with Parkway, Court Avenue, and the Connections
- Other projects will fall into place

Jeannie Prowse:

- Based her decision on the fact that important issues with Parkway have not historically been addressed
- Has appreciation for big vision,
- Safety and Comfort paramount to Parkway

- Taking care of the River for the future important as well

Tim Simons:

- What's biggest bang for our buck?
- Urgency to get Intersection plans nailed down
- Before paving over Court Avenue, undergrounding of utilities has to happen ASAP
- Pocket Parks less of a priority than the Riverfront Park, and that the Parkway improvements will be the catalyst for the Pocket Parks

Marjorie Iburg:

- Commitment to Urban Renewal effort, and how to stretch out the available \$
- The time is NOW for undergrounding Utilities
- Westgate intersection is a HOT spot that needs addressing soon as well
- Creating one model will stimulate investments for other pocket parks

Participant's Top Three or More Priorities

1. River
2. Infrastructure
3. Connections

1. Gateway
2. Byers Street Plaza
3. Pocket park
4. Emphasis on Parkway
5. Emphasis on Pocket parks

1. Underground utilities
2. Westgate intersection
3. Model of Court Avenue/River Parkway Connection (Park or Smaller Access Point)

1. Gateway
2. Underground utilities
3. Riverfront Parkway

1. Utilities
2. Gateway
3. Court Avenue streetscape improvements
4. Byers Street Plaza

- Focused on:
 - Parkway
 - Court Street
 - Connecting between Parkway & Court Street
- Completed Statement at gateways
 - Gateways (1)
 - Underground utilities (2)
 - Court Ave Streetscape improvements (3)

2nd Open House
Thursday, March 20, 2008
6:00-9:00 p.m.

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Comments:

- The River Parkway fence and rockwork is the best idea. The drawing is great.
- It would be nice to protect some of the trees, especially larger ones from being taken down by beavers. Bend has protective wire around some of its trees in several of their parks. Also, designate the entire Parkway area as a wildlife refuge.
- Plans along Court Ave should be able to be replicated along Dorion as well sometime in the future. Many people come into town from the west and will miss court and the inviting entrances to the River Parkway. Maybe we could put additional flags/banners on Diron now to capture the westbound traffic.
- On the river walk, when doing improvements consider signage letting people know where they are.
- Thanks to all of you! You have impressed me with your fine teamwork and visionary spirit. Thanks for summarizing our conversation and putting words into coherent form, too.
- Parking issues associate with increased activity.
- Maintenance issues for all improvements, especially those along Court Avenue.
- Posts for fences can be trash receptacles.
- Need a way to clean up dog poop.