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TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMISSION BRIEFINGS



MARCH 22-23, 2023

FUTURE OF PARK LANE STUDY

OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

- **Update** on study process
- **Confirm** guiding principles
- **Share** initial findings and options/considerations
- **Discussion**





FUTURE OF PARK LANE STUDY STUDY PROCESS UPDATE



STUDY PROCESS UPDATE

SCHEDULE



STUDY PROCESS UPDATE

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Right-of-way: 60'

Sidewalk area:
6' – 25'

Drive lane width: 13'
(not including concrete band
or tactile strip)


Angled parking spaces:
18' x 8.5'




STUDY PROCESS UPDATE STAFF MEETINGS

Meetings with City Staff from:

- Fire
- Police
- Parks & Community Services
- Planning & Building - Current
- PW - Streets & Grounds
- PW - Solid Waste
- PW - Surface Water
- PW - Transportation
- PW - Development Engineering
- City Manager's Office




FUTURE of PARK LANE STUDY
 Kick-off Meeting
 Tuesday, December 20, 2022



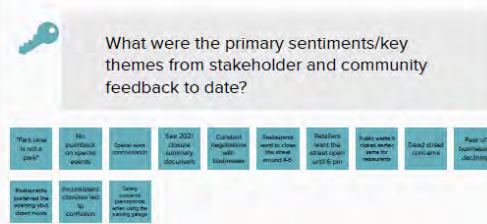
Meeting Attendees

Victoria Kozlov, City PM; Nathan Pearson, MCI; Laura Lantz, MG; Joel Plumb; John Lived; Lynn Zwargars; Todd Whaynor; Kimberly Schuler; Martha Chaudry; Rly Schuler, MCI; Matthew McCreary, MCI; Chelsie Knight; Julie Underwood; Brian Doherty; Ryan Fowler; Kyla Colwell



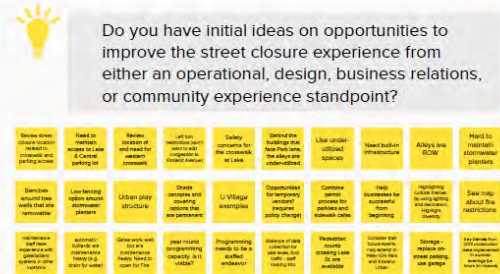
What successes and challenges did your department experience from Evenings on Park Lane?

Staffing shortages during the evening	Problems with the intersection	Issues with the way the street is designed	Signs are hard to read	Parking, safety and other signs	Disruption to the neighborhood	Public Safety	Carrying the street	Signs were not put out in the right places	The signs were hard to read
Communication with the community	Communication with the community	Communication with the community	Lack of consistency	Lack of consistency	Lack of consistency	Lack of consistency	Lack of consistency	Lack of consistency	Lack of consistency
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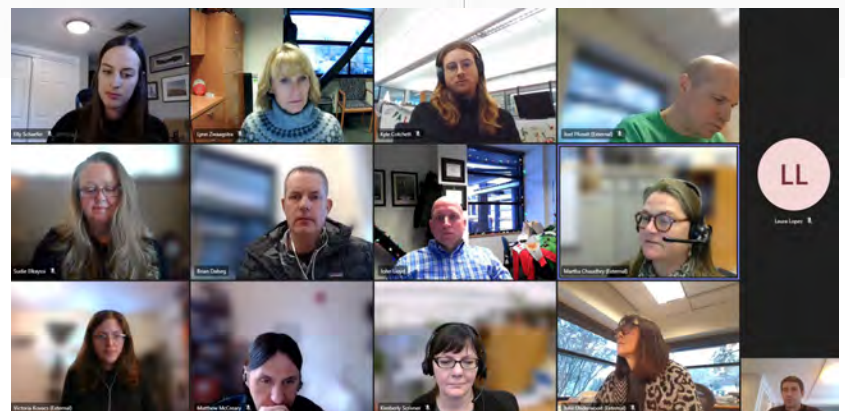
What were the primary sentiments/key themes from stakeholder and community feedback to date?

What time is not a day?	No feedback on specific events	Issues were not mentioned	See 2021 closure advisory document	Current legislation with businesses	Businesses want to stay the street around 8-10	Neighbors want the street open until 8 p.m.	Businesses want to stay the street around 8-10	Neighbors want the street open until 8 p.m.	Businesses want to stay the street around 8-10
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Do you have Initial Ideas on opportunities to improve the street closure experience from either an operational, design, business relations, or community experience standpoint?

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Zoom Meeting Grid showing participants: Rly Schuler, Lynn Zwargars, Todd Whaynor, Kimberly Schuler, Martha Chaudry, Rly Schuler, Matthew McCreary, Chelsie Knight, Julie Underwood, Brian Doherty, Ryan Fowler, Kyla Colwell.

STUDY PROCESS UPDATE

LISTENING SESSIONS OVERVIEW

Days: **5**

- In-person: Jan 30th & 31st
- Virtual: Feb 6th, 8th & 9th

Total sessions: **12.5 hours**

Total participants: **65**

- Property owners
- Business owners
- Employees
- Community group leaders
- Park lane patrons
- Nearby residents



STUDY PROCESS UPDATE

LISTENING SESSIONS KEY THEMES

- Study **purpose**
- Shared goal: **thriving businesses**
- Maintain park lane as a **destination**
- **Activation** is essential
- Needed **maintenance** of existing street

- Streetscape **amenities & beautification**
- **Parking**
- **Seasonal/weather** considerations
- **Times of day** & duration of potential closure
- **Phasing** opportunities

STUDY PROCESS UPDATE

BASELINE NEEDS

CONSIDERATIONS REGARDLESS OF STREET CLOSURE (from stakeholder input)

- Maintenance
- Stormwater planters
- Electrical event power
- Restrooms & potable water
- Communications
- Updated signage
- Parking wayfinding
- Safety improvements to library parking garage



STUDY PROCESS UPDATE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OVERVIEW

- Serve as the **foundation** for the development, programming, and assessment of each street closure scenario being studied
- **Reflect** refinements/additions to the vision and guiding principles from the 2010 *Park Lane Pedestrian Corridor Enhancement Study*
- **Informed** by prior adopted plans/studies/policies, staff input and listening sessions



1. Comprehensive Plan
2. Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan
3. Active Transportation Plan
4. Transportation Master Plan
5. Roadway Policy G-11: Parking Guidelines for Downtown Kirkland
6. Sustainability Master Plan
7. Transit Implementation Plan
8. Design Guidelines for Pedestrian Oriented Business Districts.

STUDY PROCESS UPDATE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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STUDY PROCESS UPDATE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES - EVALUATION

- Qualitative & quantitative (scenarios will also be evaluated by cost)
- Guiding principles be evaluated per scenario using measurable objectives with transparent evaluation notes



Example:

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES	CONCEPT 2: CHICANE WITH MAXIMUM PUBLIC SPACE		CONCEPT 3: CYCLE TRACK WITH SIDEWALK EXPANSION	
	SCORE	EVALUATION NOTES	SCORE	EVALUATION NOTES
Support and Grow Thriving Local Businesses	★★★★		★★★★	
Safe opportunities for businesses to share the public realm	★★★★★	Dedicated bistro zone (10')	★★★★	Dedicated bistro zone (8')
Convenient business access for all modes	★★★★★	Traffic calming elements increase bike comfort, wider sidewalks	★★★★★	Dedicated bike facility, wider sidewalks
Optimal supply of on-street vehicular and bicycle parking	★★★★	Average of 10 vehicular spaces per block, expanded opportunities for year-round bicycle parking	★★★★★	Average of 20 vehicular spaces per block and expanded opportunities for year-round bicycle parking
Accommodate and support truck deliveries	★★	Deliveries in on-street parking zone. Dedicated times possible. Not available when parked or used for snow storage.	★★★	Deliveries in on-street parking zone. Dedicated times and dedicated spaces possible. Not available when parked or used for snow storage.
Make Main Avenue More Walkable and Bikeable	★★★★		★★★★	
Enhanced/expanded pedestrian space	★★★★★	Sidewalk clear space widened 2'; additional pedestrian refuge space in amenity zone and in bistro zone when not fully occupied by businesses.	★★★	Sidewalk clear space widened 2'; additional pedestrian refuge space in bulbouts on one side and at intersections and occasionally in bistro zone.
Additional shade	★★★★★	Increased opportunities for trees and shade structures in amenity zone, additional awnings over bistro zone.	★★★	Similar opportunities for trees. Increased opportunities for additional awnings over bistro zone and shade structures in amenity zone (one side)
Increased bicyclist safety	★★★★	Reduced lane widths, bulbouts, and curve in road reduce vehicle speeds creating more comfortable sharrows	★★★★★	Dedicated bike facility
Safer street crossing	★★★★★	Reduced crossing distance to 20', mid-block crossings, more prominent crosswalk materials	★★★★	Reduced crossing distance to 40' with refuge, more prominent crosswalk materials
Support transit service and highlight trolley stops	★★★★	Trolley stops have enhanced amenities	★★★	Trolley stops have enhanced amenities but nappens off the curb in parking lane on one side.

NOTE: The evaluation score represents preliminary scoring by the Project Management Team.

The scores represent how well the existing condition and each of the alternatives respond to the Goals and Objectives with ★ indicating little to no benefit and ★★★★★ indicating the most benefit.



FUTURE OF PARK LANE STUDY STREET CLOSURE SCENARIOS

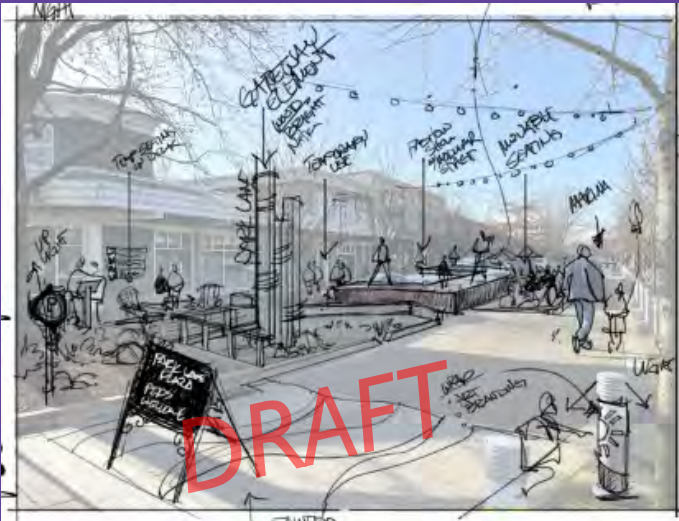


STREET CLOSURE SCENARIOS OVERVIEW



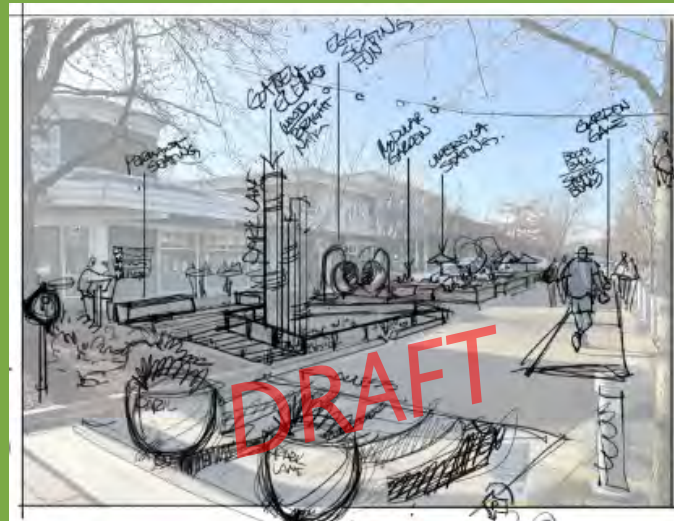
SUMMER EVENINGS

Car Free:
Evenings
May to October.



SUMMER SEASONAL

Car Free:
24/7
May to October



YEAR-ROUND

Car free:
24/7
All Year



FUTURE OF PARK LANE STUDY

FIVE PRIMARY TOPICS

1. Public Safety
2. Infrastructure
3. Programming
4. Parking
5. Operations

PRIMARY TOPIC #1

PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY ACCESS (*ONGOING DISCUSSIONS*)



SUMMER EVENINGS

Considered temporary
"event" (<180 days)

Fire access is from either
end within 150'

Movable objects may be
placed in the travel lane.



SUMMER SEASONAL

Considered temporary
"event" (<180 days)

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YEAR-ROUND

Considered permanent
(>180 days)

Fire access is from the
travel lane

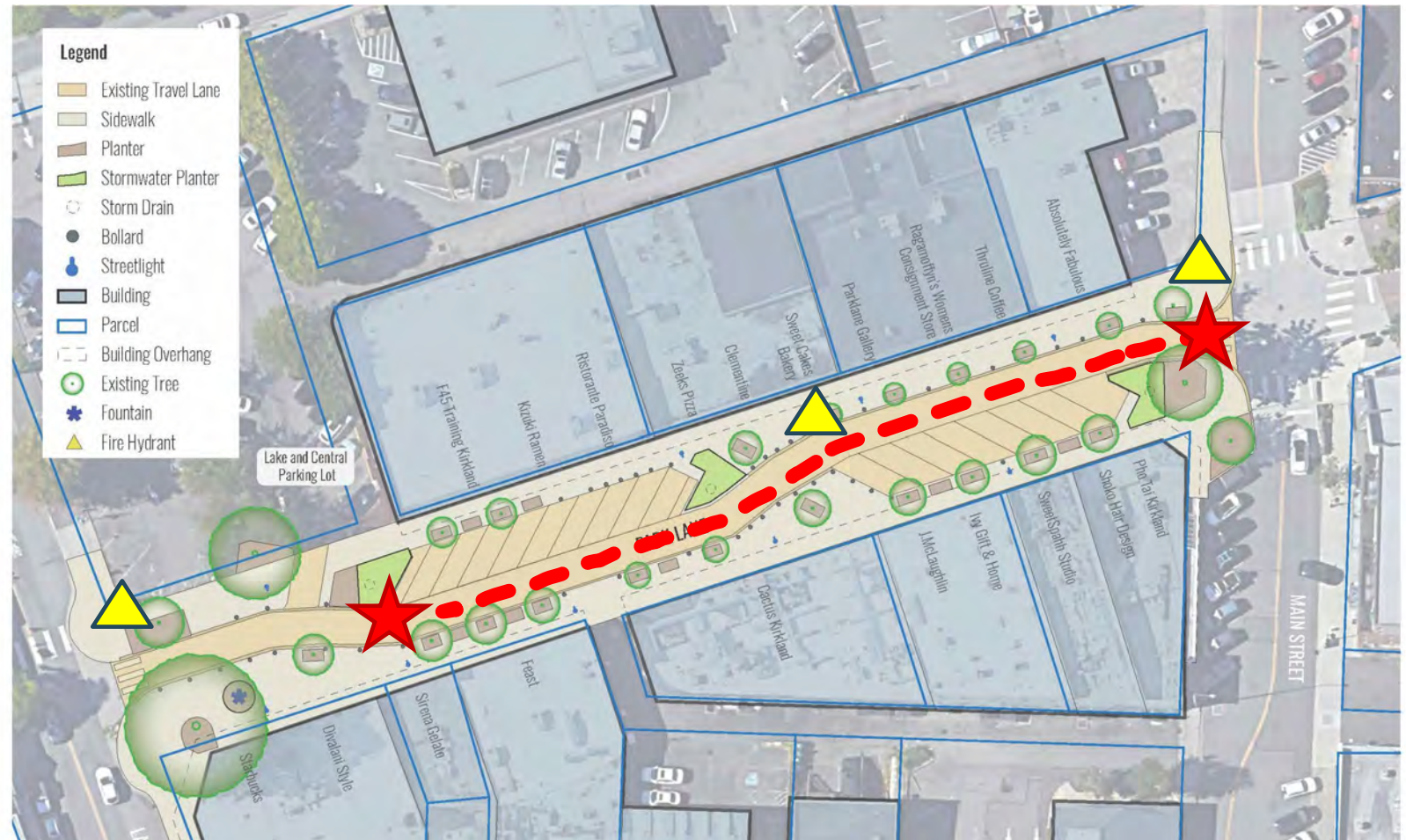
Objects may NOT be
placed in the travel lane.

PRIMARY TOPIC #1

PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY ACCESS (ONGOING DISCUSSIONS)

Legend

- ★ Summer Evenings & Summer Seasonal Emergency Access Point
- Year-Round Emergency Access Lane
- ▲ Existing Fire Hydrant



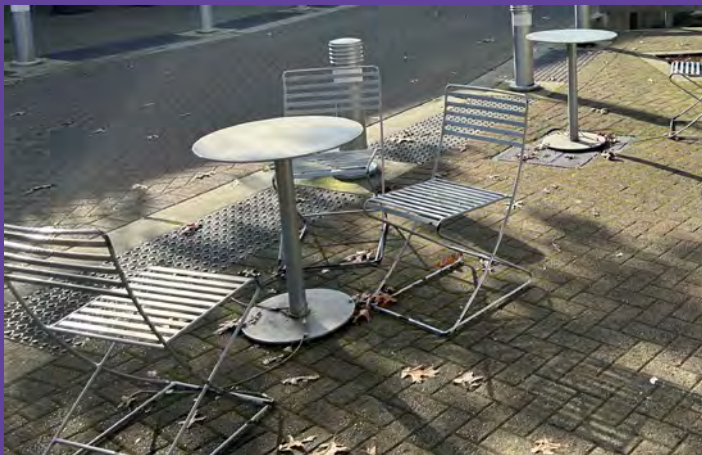
PRIMARY TOPIC #2

INFRASTRUCTURE - FURNISHINGS



SUMMER EVENINGS

- Temporary furnishings
- Open/close daily



SUMMER SEASONAL

- Semi-permanent furnishings
- Open/close biannually



YEAR-ROUND

- Permanent but flexible furnishings
- Winter comfort



PRIMARY TOPIC #2

INFRASTRUCTURE –VEHICLE ACCESS CONTROL OPTIONS



SIGNAGE



PLANTERS



CONCRETE ISLANDS



GATES



BOLLARDS



ART/STATUES



CHAIN/CABLE



TRAFFIC SIGNAGE/CONES



FENCING

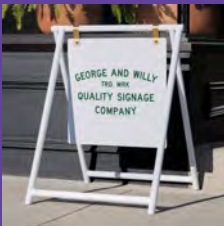
PRIMARY TOPIC #2

INFRASTRUCTURE - VEHICLE ACCESS CONTROL OPTIONS



SUMMER EVENINGS

Lightweight signage and planters



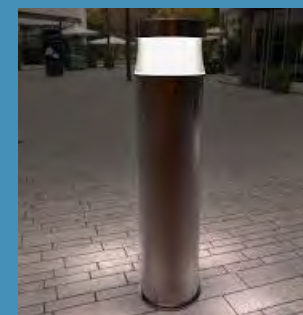
SUMMER SEASONAL

Heavier movable signage, fencing and planters



YEAR-ROUND

Signage and gateways outside of access lane, lit automated bollard



PRIMARY TOPIC #2

INFRASTRUCTURE - STORMWATER PLANTER EXISTING CONDITIONS



PRIMARY TOPIC #2

INFRASTRUCTURE - STORMWATER PLANTER OPTIONS



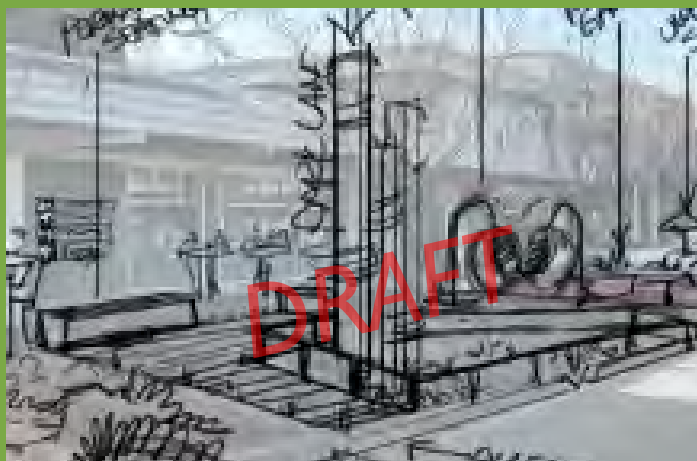
SUMMER EVENINGS

- Raise soil height 6"
- Taller plants
- Partial decking w/ seating
- Remove or replace railings



SUMMER SEASONAL

- Raise soil height 6"
- Taller plants
- Partial decking w/ seating
- Replace railings w/ seat walls



YEAR-ROUND

- Remove stormwater planters replace with programming/public space amenities



PRIMARY TOPIC #3

PROGRAMMING



SUMMER EVENINGS

- Prioritize evening activation
- After school/work crowd
- Prime time for restaurants but need reasons for retailers to stay open late
- Setup/breakdown daily



SUMMER SEASONAL

- Prioritize all-day activation
- Broad variety of visitors
- Retailers and restaurants need to be engaged partners
- Capitalize on summer weather
- Durability, security, and storage



YEAR-ROUND

- Prioritize all-day, all-season activation
- Broad variety of visitors
- Retailers and restaurants need to be engaged partners
- Extra activation in winter
- Durability, security, and storage



PRIMARY TOPIC #4

PARKING & VEHICLE ACCESS



SUMMER EVENINGS

- **Parking least impacted**
- Regular vehicle access could occur daily before closure in addition to short-term spaces and alleys
- Ends of street access during summer evenings for emergency services



SUMMER SEASONAL

- **Parking impacted seasonally**
- Regular vehicle access could occur in off-season and via short-term spaces and alleys
- Ends of street access during summer for emergency services
- On-street City maintenance
- Commercial maintenance access possible via permit



YEAR-ROUND

- **Parking permanently reduced**
- Regular vehicle access only via short-term spaces and alleys
- On-street access only for emergency services and City maintenance
- Commercial maintenance access possible via permit





PRIMARY TOPIC #4

EXISTING PARKING OPTIONS

On Park Lane (Lake to Main):

- 17 parking stalls
 - Four 15-minute
 - One 30-minute
 - One ADA
 - Eleven 2-hour
- Loading is also permitted in alleys

Legend

-  ADA spaces
 -  15-minute
 -  30-minute or loading
 -  Motorcycle
- All others are 2-4 hour



PRIMARY TOPIC #4

EXISTING PARKING OPTIONS

All Scenarios:

- Enhanced wayfinding required
- Library parking garage safety improvements
- Expand nearby designated ADA and short-term parking (quantities may vary)
- Support multimodal travel



PRIMARY TOPIC #5

OPERATIONS



SUMMER EVENINGS

- **Staff required:**
 - daily for maintenance
 - daily for programming
 - daily for setup/breakdown
- Convenient daily storage needs are extensive
- Long term storage needed for rotating elements and off-season
- Frequent communications



SUMMER SEASONAL

- **Staff required**
 - daily for maintenance
 - regularly for programming
 - biannually for setup/breakdown
- Convenient storage needs are reduced
- Long term storage needed for rotating elements and off-season
- Monthly communications



YEAR-ROUND

- **Staff required**
 - daily for maintenance
 - regularly for programming
- Convenient storage needs are reduced
- Long term storage needed for rotating elements
- Seasonal communications



FUTURE OF PARK LANE STUDY

NEXT STEPS



NEXT STEPS

Scenarios Development & Analysis

- Incorporate Commissions input
- Draft report for staff review in early April

Evaluation

- Guiding principles assessment
- Planning-level costs for infrastructure, programming and staffing

Combined Report

- Available to public and Commissions in late May
- Late June City Council presentation





DISCUSSION AND Q&A

Any comments or
edits to the guiding
principles?

DISCUSSION TOPIC #1

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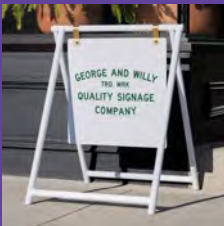
INFRASTRUCTURE - VEHICLE ACCESS CONTROL

Do you like these
vehicle access
control options?



SUMMER EVENINGS

Lightweight signage and landscaping



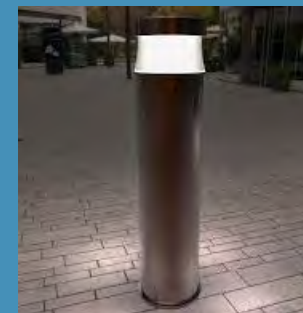
SUMMER SEASONAL

Heavier movable signage and planters



YEAR-ROUND

Signage and gateways outside of
access lane



DISCUSSION TOPIC #3

INFRASTRUCTURE - STORMWATER PLANTER OPTIONS

Are there additional improvements to consider for the planters?



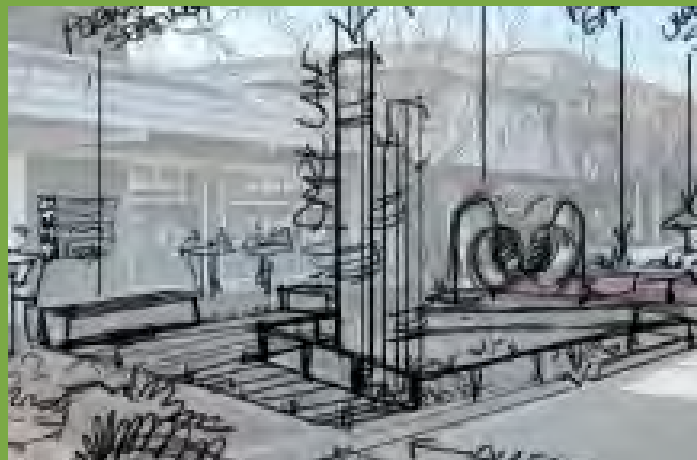
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YEAR-ROUND

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DISCUSSION TOPIC #4

PROGRAMMING –ACTIVATION EXAMPLES

What other ideas do you have to engage businesses as programming partners?



SUMMER EVENINGS

- **Group workouts** - nearby gyms
- **Sidewalk sale/fashion show** - clothing stores
- **Farm dinners** - restaurants
- **Game nights** - local game store or club
- **Movie nights** - community and neighborhood groups
- **Evening astronomy** - local astronomy club or school
- **Meetup series** (networking, speed dating, pet owners, etc.) - local organizations/businesses



SUMMER SEASONAL

- **Chalk art festival** - local artists, businesses
- **Juneteenth celebration** - local cultural group
- **Sports-themed events** - local sports clubs, teams
- **Growth series** (plant-themed) - local florist, botanic/garden organizations
- **Live music series** - local musicians



YEAR-ROUND

- **Seasonal maker's markets** and celebrations - retailers/restaurants
- **Friday art walks** - gallery and retailers
- **Donation/non-profit pop-ups** - local non-profit
- **Little libraries** and **outdoor classrooms**
- **Winter ice sculptures** - local and non-local artists
- **Gear/product demos** - retailers



ADDITIONAL Q&A

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TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMISSION BRIEFINGS



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