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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Jon R. Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director
SUBJECT: Square Streetscape Engineering Update
DATE: May 30, 2019

As part of the funding received from the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant, Phase 1 engineering of the Square streetscape project is underway and two meetings have been held with various Square business and property owners. Hutchison Engineering is completing the project with their sub-consultant, Massie Massie & Associates.

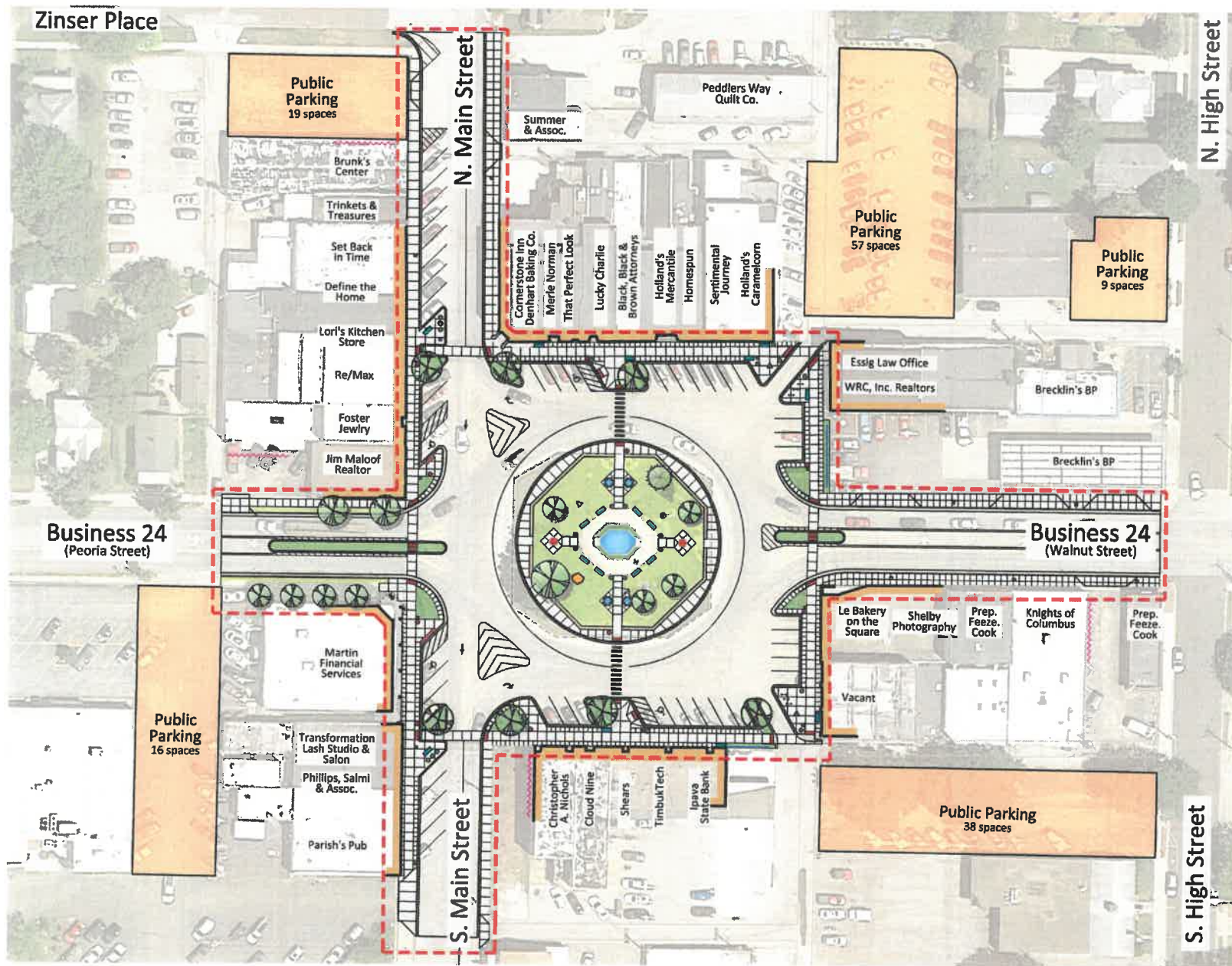
Attached is a preliminary concept plan that has been reviewed by the other stakeholders. Also attached is a graphic that shows the current deteriorating brick planter on the Brecklin's BP lot and the proposed replacement of it with wrought iron fencing and a combination of grasses and annuals. Those components of the concept plan and what would likely be included in an ITEP application for Phase 2/construction engineering and construction funding consist of the following:

- Reconstructing/redesigning the sidewalks and accommodating for required ADA-modifications;
- Installing mid-block crosswalks from the north and south into the interior park;
- Installing landscaping through turf grass and trees where appropriate near bumpouts and sidewalks;
- Installing new bike racks, kiosks, picnic tables, and wayfinding signage;
- Installing new, consistent pedestrian-level lighting fixtures and upgrading the electrical components; and
- Reconstructing the concrete coping wall surrounding the interior park and having a barrier curb installed around the wall.

There was consensus from the business/property owners on most of the elements shown on the concept plan. The two items that did not have consensus were:

- Whether to include a tree at the bumpouts near the proposed north and south crosswalks. Those that favored them like having the additional landscaping, increased protection for pedestrians, and the visual impact by additional trees. Those that do not want them would prefer the two parking spaces that would be gained.
- Whether to reduce the size/shape of the coping wall. Those that favored this felt that there was enough space to make it usable and that it would reduce the likelihood that the wall is hit by vehicles. Those that want to keep the same size/shape prefer to maximize the amount of greenspace.

This is provided as an update and to receive any feedback that can be delivered to the engineering team. A public open house is planned to receive additional feedback in the near future, potentially in late June, though a date has not been confirmed. Comments received at the open house will be incorporated into a draft Project Development Report to submit to IDOT around September 1 with a final PDR submitted around October 15. Both of these would be submitted prior to the next ITEP application deadline of December 1.



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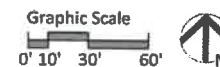
Preliminary Concept
May 20, 2019

Legend

- Project Boundary
- Public Parking Lot
- Scored Concrete Sidewalk
- Ornamental Fence
- Relocated Bench
- Relocated Planter
- Relocated Trash Receptacle
- Bicycle Rack
- New Picnic Tables
- Information Kiosk / Parking Sign
- Light Fixture (relocated/new)
- Existing Flagpole
- Existing Drinking Fountain
- Relocated Soldier Memorial (Cannon Balls)
- Relocated Washington Bell
- Public Art (by Others)
- Building Mural (by Others)
- Existing Deciduous Tree
- Existing Evergreen Tree
- New Deciduous Tree
- Plant Bed
- Turf Grass

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Screening

Existing Brick Wall and
Plant Material

Possible Options

Fence and Plant
Material

Moveable Planters

