



## MEETING SUMMARY

### RATIO

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Project: RIVERSIDE REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN  
RATIO Project No.: 17003.000  
Date/Time: February 9, 2017 10:00 am, Riverside Park Family Center  
Purpose: Technical Steering Committee Meeting 1  
Participants:

Indy Parks:

Julee Jacob, Sr Project Manager  
Andre Denman, Principal Planner  
Ellery Manuel, Regional Manager  
Andrea Watts, Marketing

Consultant Team:

Debbie Wilson - Engaging Solutions  
Mary Jane Glaspy - Engaging Solutions  
Keri Van Vlymen – RATIO  
John Jackson – RATIO

Marion County Public Health:

Stephanie Thornberry

Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development:

Brad Beaubien

Indianapolis Department of Public Works:

Mark Taylor  
Mark Zwoyer

Indianapolis Public Safety:

Brent Kintner

LISC:

Starla Hart  
Aaron Laramore

Indy Parks Golf Manager:

Kent Knorr

Citizens Energy Group:

Becky Schaefer

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- I. John Jackson welcomed the group, thanked them for their participation, and reviewed the agenda.  
Introductions – All
    - a. Each participant shared their name and role.
  - II. John Jackson shared the purpose, scope, and anticipated schedule of the Riverside Park Master Plan project.
  - III. Debbie Wilson discussed the team's approach to stakeholder engagement.
    1. The Regional Park concept is new to many and may be creating anxiety for some in the surrounding neighborhoods
    2. Concerns may be raised verbally, behaviorally, or secretly
    3. Some may perceive improvements to the Park as gentrification
    4. One agenda: to engage the public and bring in feedback about the Regional Park concept
    5. Engaging such a large and broad stakeholder group will have its challenges
  - IV. Your Vision, Thoughts, Goals & Objectives
    1. Each participant was asked to share what they hope the plan results in, what the team should be focused on, and any unique concerns about the project.
      - a. Starla Hart, LISC – Great Places 2020 is an effort to transform strategic places in six Marion County neighborhoods into dynamic urban villages. Riverside Park is an integral element of the 25th & MLK "Great Place," for which a strategic plan is expected to be completed in November 2017. Would like for the Riverside Park Master Plan to be connected with the Great Places strategic plan and build upon it.
      - b. Mark Zwoyer, DPW, Transportation Engineer – Connectivity is king! Leverage trail and greenway connections between the Park, surrounding neighborhoods, and downtown.

- c. Aaron Laramore – LISC – The Riverside Park Master Planning effort should be part of a holistic effort that supports the Quality of Life Plan and other related initiatives, creating an integrated agenda of activity. Gather & analyze information about the park's major users. (Ellery & Tony can access information about park users and share with the group.)
- d. Mark Taylor – DPW – Throughout the planning process, consider how the maintenance of new and existing amenities will be managed and funded.
- e. Stephanie Thornberry – Marion Co. Public Health Dept. – A main focus of their work is chronic disease and obesity prevention. Health By Design initiative priorities include promoting walking & biking options, improving connectivity. Partnership with Eskenazi Health to provide healthier vending options and programming in other parks to address availability of healthy food. Food mapping data is available from the Health Department to help give rationale for Riverside planning decisions. John Jackson suggested that the Health Department may be able to help identify funding partners for these types of projects.
- f. Brent Kintner – Public Safety – Traffic flow & parking are major issues within Riverside Park. The parking area at 29<sup>th</sup> & Riverside sees heavy use and “cruising competitions,” especially at already busy times during baseball, basketball games – affects traffic flow and safety in park and surrounding streets. Park is closed at dusk – consider whether additional lighting is needed for visibility, safety? Would like to eliminate or mitigate “one-way-in” access points within the park. Cameras with wifi access would be a great help to Public Safety officers. Cars & school buses in golf course parking lots tend to be targets for theft.
- g. Ellery Manuel – Indy Parks – Public engagement and input is key to the process. Identify & engage property owners.
- h. Brad Beaubien – DMD – A number of current initiatives should be considered:
  - Transportation Integration Plan: public conversation to create a comprehensive multimodal transportation plan for Marion Co.
  - Neighborhood Investment Strategy – coordinated public, private, non-profit, and philanthropic investment strategy
  - Land Use Plan updates are underway for area to the west of White River.
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Tech Master Plan (not yet approved).
  - Cultural Trail to be extended up Indiana Avenue.
  - IU Health/Methodist campus expansion will potentially affect 16<sup>th</sup> Street corridor.
  - White River Corridor Plan is being discussed; initial discussions with Hamilton Co. are underway.
- i. Andrea Watts – Indy Parks Marketing – Will be coordinating press releases, public meeting announcements, social media campaigns, other media attention for the Riverside Park Master Planning effort. Will link to project website whenever possible.
- j. Kent Knorr – Golf Management – 13 golf courses city-wide. Given general downturn in attendance numbers since 2007, operators agree that three courses within the boundaries of Riverside Regional Park is too many, but deciding which one(s) should go may be challenging. Loyalty to certain courses exists; golf leagues were more popular in the past, but less so now. City courses are competing against private/public courses – fees are dropping. Exploring other opportunities within golf courses: foot golf, bocce, walking trails, other revenue-generating activities. A city-wide golf master plan may be in the works.
- k. Becky Schaefer – Citizens' Energy – CE is/has been involved with infrastructure improvements; 20-year plan for upgrades and water quality.


VI. Next Technical Steering Committee Meeting

Technical Steering Committee Meeting 2 will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, 10:00-11:30 am at the Riverside Park Family Center.

VII. Adjourn

Any additions or corrections to these Minutes should be submitted in writing to RATIO Architects, Inc., within ten (10) days of receipt. Otherwise, these Minutes stand as correct.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John D. Jackson, PLA, LEED AP  
Principal

cc: Participants  
Consultant team leaders  
RATIO internal team  
Lori Hazlett – President, Indianapolis Parks Foundation