

UPDATE FROM: LIBRARY LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE (LLC)

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SUPPORTING RPL'S CORE MISSION:

...A center and resource for learning and civic engagement. We provide a place and platform of, by, and for the people who can benefit as individuals as well as contribute to the well-being of the community.

BY CREATING:

Dedicated outdoor space for learning & engagement

- E.g., educational events about nature, plants, & gardening, outdoor storytime, and other programs and events for all ages

Space for small groups

- Study sessions, book clubs, discussions
- Improved accessibility

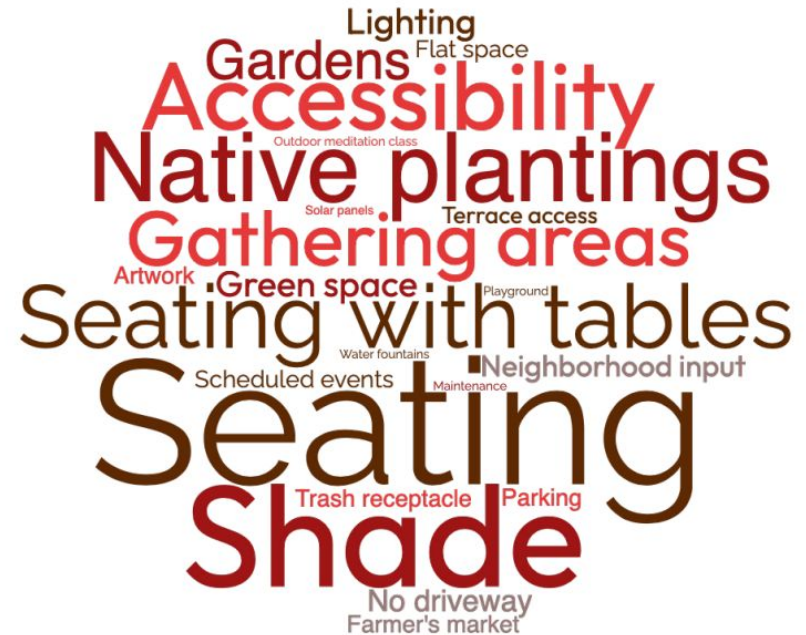
ENGAGEMENT

- 01 COMMUNITY OUTREACH
 - Distributed survey
 - Held public sessions
- 02 BOLT VOLUNTEERS & RPL STAFF
 - Included as members on LLC
 - Provide updates to BOLT
- 03 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
 - Working group with Activitas
 - Iterate to converge on a solution
- 04 TOWN STAFF
 - Included in LLC as member (non-voting)



PUBLIC SURVEY

- Survey generated 250 responses
- 90% of responders visit the library monthly
 - 37% weekly
 - 50% visit with children
- 35% are satisfied with current events
- 55% of responders want more events
- Shade, seating, and green space were top of the priority list



Word cloud from Activitas

SHADE, SEATING, GREEN SPACE



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FROM ACTIVITAS

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PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE

PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COSTS

MOBILIZATION AND SITE PREPARATION
 EARTHWORK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
 SITE FURNISHINGS
 PAVEMENT / MASONRY
 SITE LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADES
 LANDSCAPE & SITE IMPROVEMENTS

- **PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE ONLY** \$49,170
\$30,240
\$170,500
- **NOT THE EXPECTED COST OF THE EFFORT** \$387,030
\$89,600
\$140,379

CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL
 (INCLUDING GENERAL CONDITIONS AND CONTRACTOR PROFIT)

- **EFFORT WILL NOT BE FUNDED WITH TAXES** \$1,040,302

20% CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY
 SOFT COSTS AND DESIGN FEES

- **FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS & DONATIONS** \$208,060
\$124,837

PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COSTS

\$1,373,200

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FROM ACTIVITAS

NEXT STEPS

- 01 COMMUNITY OUTREACH
 - Presentations, concept posters, etc.
- 02 CONCEPT REFINEMENT
 - Cost reduction
 - Further discussions w/ landscape architects
- 03 IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCES
 - State & Federal grants
 - Local community groups & private donations

THANK
YOU
