

BRIEF APPROXIMATE CHRONOLOGY OF MILEPOSTS IN WALKWAY PROJECT TO DATE

Events leading up to our last meeting with City Council (CC)

05/2021 – CC authorized the design consultant (Kevin Shanley) to produce conceptual drawings for two walkway construction methods and authorized City staff to solicit bids for a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)

06/2021 – Walkway Design Team (WDT) provided update to CC and presented most recent design.

08/2021 – WDT proposed splitting walkway project into two parts due to uncertainty as to what might or might not happen at the old Landmark site.

08/21 – WDT presented Conceptual Plan to CC and asked CC to authorize City staff to solicit bids for PER. CC authorizes City staff to proceed.

Progress made since CC authorized City staff to contract for PER (Preliminary Engineering Report)

09/2021 – Rick contacts three engineering firms requesting estimates for PER. Two firms decline to provide an estimate, saying the project is outside their levels of expertise. WDT has site visit with the third firm Civil West Engineering in Newport (CW).

10/2021 - Rick contracts with CW to prepare a PER.

12/2021 – Rick receives PER with cost estimates for various options – rock wall vs. boardwalk, railing options, lighting options (PER is included in this packet)

02/2022 – WDT evaluates results of PER, researches benefits of HDPE (high density polyethylene composite material) and makes decisions about final design parameters.

03/2022 - Rick asks CW to prepare cost estimates for the Preferred Alternative (PA) - a walkway built primarily of partially-recycled HDPE materials with stainless steel wire railings, and under-rail LED lighting.

03/22/2022 – Rick receives Preferred Alternate Memo (PAM) from CW. (PAM is also included)

04/05/2022 – WDT presents PAM to Parks and Commons Commission which unanimously approves and votes to send PAM to CC with request that CC authorize city staff to contract for Design Engineering Services.

Next steps

05/2022 - WDT is prepared to present cost figures and details from the PAM to CC and to request that CC authorize City staff to enter into a contract for Engineering Design Services.

2021 was the year for planning, design, public education, etc.

2022 is the year for major decisions, final design, bidding, etc.

2023 will be the year for construction, completion, and public enjoyment.