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MEMO TO: Nancy O'Donnell, PHS - for distribution

PROJECT: Schuylkill River Park and Trail
Phase IIIIB North

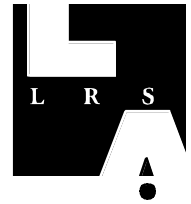
SUBJECT: Record of comments made at November 16, 2006
public meeting

DATE: November 21, 2006

SUBMITTED BY: Lori Horton

The following comments and suggestions were made during the public meeting, following presentation of the proposed trail improvements on November 16, 2006.

1. At the location where sidewalk along MLK Drive meets the proposed plaza and accessible route, visual cues are needed that will indicate to cyclists approaching from Southeast that there are stairs at the north end of plaza. Options discussed:
 - a. Additional signage at location where sidewalk meets proposed plaza and accessible route
 - b. Change in paving material from asphalt unit pavers to crushed gravel in order to slow down bicycle traffic
 - c. Widening of the accessible route that connects with the Schuylkill Trail.
2. Concern was expressed regarding the amount of trees cleared along the Schuylkill Trail and the resulting change in trail experience.
3. Requests were made for better patrol of the Schuylkill Trail, particularly as an alternative to clearing trees for safety reasons.
4. Request was made that the new trees planted along the Schuylkill Trail be located away from trail (following established guidelines) as a safety measure for trail users. Safety concerns included:
 - a. Possibility of hitting a tree located too close to the trail edge
 - b. Potential for someone to hide behind a tree.
5. In reference to the Lower Trail, request was made to change material from the existing condition (compacted dirt) to crushed gravel.
6. Bicycle safety concerns were expressed over gap created where proposed cobblestone meets existing asphalt. It was decided that the asphalt will be saw-cut to provide a clean edge abutting the cobblestones.
7. Request was made for skateboard deterrent devices to be added to the existing wall located North of proposed overlook to prevent skateboarding damage and as a



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safety measure due to conflicting trail use in this location.

8. Discussion regarding Race Street Entrance and need to extend pavement toward river.
9. Trail use by runners, cyclists, skate boarders, and pedestrians and the conflicts between user groups were discussed. Education/outreach as a means to address conflicts was suggested as alternative to additional physical improvements.
10. Request was made to add a parallel gravel track to existing trail to accommodate runner's preferred surface.

END OF MEMORANDUM