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GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY

COMMUNITY HEARING - FUTURE OF THIRD STREET

DECEMBER 14 | 6 P.M.

KEY PROPOSALS

- ✓ Rebrick Third Street from Livingston Avenue to Schiller Park
- ✓ Add bicycle lanes
- ✓ Restore curbs to limestone and return to full height
- ✓ Consolidate utility lines and poles
- ✓ Consolidate signage and restore historic look
- ✓ Add pedestrian lighting

HISTORY OF THE PROJECT

The Third Street Master Plan is nearly 15 years in the making. Early on, the Society applied for a grant for the redesign of the Third Street Bridge coming into German Village.

Shortly after grant funds were secured, the Ohio Department of Transportation announced the I-70/71 project. Society leaders convinced the City to allow these grant funds to be used instead for creating a comprehensive, historically consistent master plan for Third Street, one of the main entrances into German Village.

More than \$150,000 has been spent to date, primarily with Kinzelman Kline Gossman (KKG). The Streetscape Committee has been evaluating the KKG package of proposed options since August 2010 to delineate the next steps for this major undertaking.

Special thanks to the German Village Society's Streetscape Committee and Chair Tim Bibler.

UTILITIES COMPONENT

With estimated cost to bury utility lines at \$13-15 million, along with other concerns, it was decided to keep overhead utility lines, but with modification. Among other things, such modifications would include “cleaning up” overhead lines by consolidating overhead wires and eliminating cross wires, plus eliminating all signs and lights from utility poles.

UTILITIES



STREET COMPONENT

- The street alignment would remain as it currently exists and therefore no bump-outs.
- The surface of the street from curb to curb would be brick.
- Add a dedicated bike lane on the west side of the street and adjacent to the curb. The bike lane would be between the curb and the parallel parking area. Therefore, looking at the west side you would see the sidewalk area, the curb, the bike lane and then parallel parking area. Placing the bike lane between the curb and parked cars would make it safer for bike riders. Narrowing the street by adding a bike lane would make it safer for pedestrians to cross the street and slow traffic.
- The number of parking spaces would not change.

STREETS



CURB & SIDEWALK COMPONENTS

The stone for the curbs would be limestone and the curbs would be reestablished at full height. Full curb height creates a gutter, which will allow proper drainage. Full curb height also allows for sidewalk repair and restoration.

All sidewalks would be brick and maintain the current requirements for the type of brick, diverse brick pattern and paving methods.

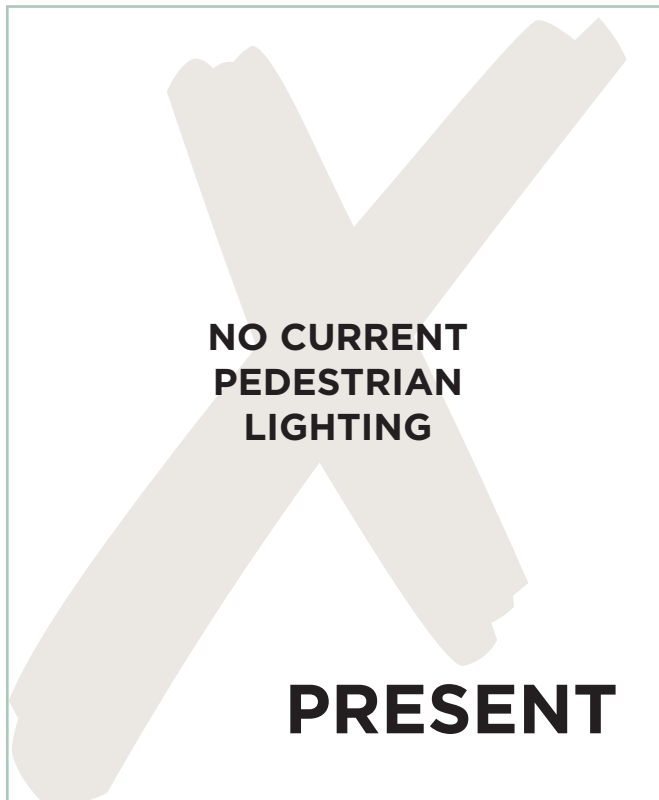
CURBS & SIDEWALKS



LIGHT COMPONENT

There would be dedicated poles for street lighting. The poles would be on both sides of the street. The poles and lights would have the same historic look that is used in and around Schiller Park. Lighting would be connected by underground wiring.

LIGHTS



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SIGNAGE COMPONENT

Poles used for street signs and parking signs would look historic with black wrought iron.

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The ultimate success of the Third Street master plan depends on the support of our neighborhood. We hope you will join us in advocating for the safety and historic improvements along our Main Street. Your questions and comments are welcomed by Director Shiloh Todorov at todorov@germanvillage.com.

NEXT STEPS

- Synthesize and analyze public input.
- Committee updates recommendations to Board of Trustees.
- Board of Trustees advances final proposal to City of Columbus to request pre-engineering study.
- Seek and secure funding sources that may include: public-private partnerships, historic-preservation grants, city/state/federal designated funds and/or private development efforts.

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