Community/Stakeholder Feedback & Future Community Outreach Events

City Council Flood Control System Committee

February 19, 2015

Overview

- Two work sessions were conducted in the Northwest Neighborhood Area – 121 participants in work session 1 & work session 2 generated 42 participants
- Community-wide open house sessions were held:
  - December 18, 2014: 76 attendees
  - January 19, 2015: 18 attendees
- CRTalks on-line questionnaire posted after the December Open House through the end of January 2015
- Targeted Audience/One-on-One Meetings:
  - Cedar Rapids Area Economic Alliance – Innovation Council & SSMID
  - Private industries & Organizations: Penford Products, National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Linn County/Purchaser of the former Mott Building, Czech Village Association, Czech Village New Bohemia Main Street District
  - Public Agencies: Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency, Cedar Rapids Fire Department, Cedar Rapids Park & Recreation Department, and Cedar Rapid Utilities

Major Themes

- Time Check:
  - Save homes
  - Dredge the river
  - Create/maintain access to trails and greenspace
  - Do something to memorialize the flood event and its impact on Time Check
  - Enhance greenspace
- Kingston Village:
  - Use permanent walls other than removable from amphitheater to 1st Avenue
  - Allow access to the river
  - Comingled levee system
  - Maximize green space
  - Create more parking for events held at the amphitheater
  - Maximize redevelopment opportunities
- Czech Village:
  - Maintain view to the museum's architecture by using removable walls
  - Emphasize the history of the area
  - Maintain access and good circulation along 16th & 17th Avenues
  - Create/maintain visitor parking areas
  - Maximize greenspace
- Ancillary Issues/Comments (one-on-one sessions):
  - Maximize developable area for Penford's future expansion
  - Maximize area available for programming in NCSML front yard area as well as access to truck dock areas
  - Maintain access to A Avenue SW for composting at Landfill Site 1
  - Relocate boat dock at 7th Ave. SW

AESTHETICS

Levees

Ranked 1st

Ranked 2nd

Ranked 3rd

Wall/Removable Wall

Ranked 1st

Ranked 2nd

Ranked 3rd

Gateway

Ranked 1st

Ranked 2nd

Ranked 3rd

Connectivity

Ranked 1st

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Remembering

Ranked 1st

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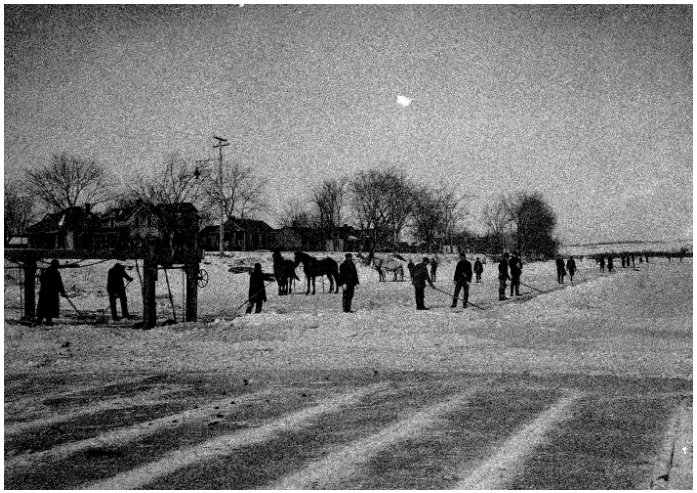
Ranked 2nd

Time Check

Ranked 1st



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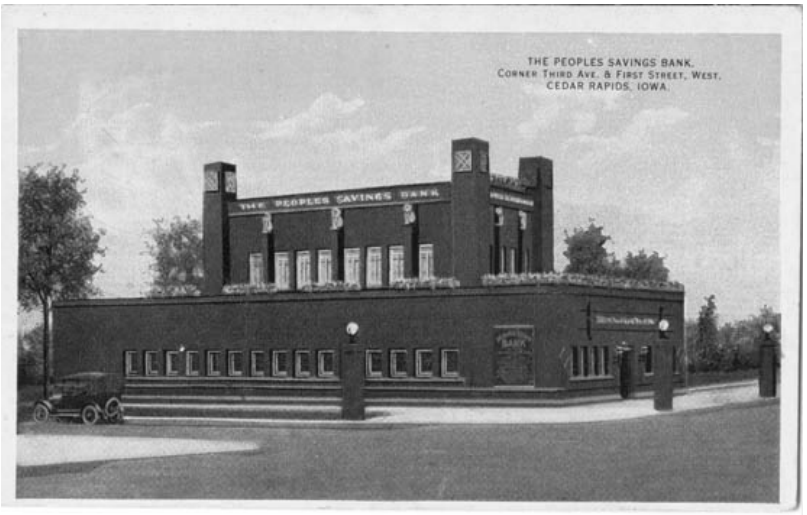
Kingston Village



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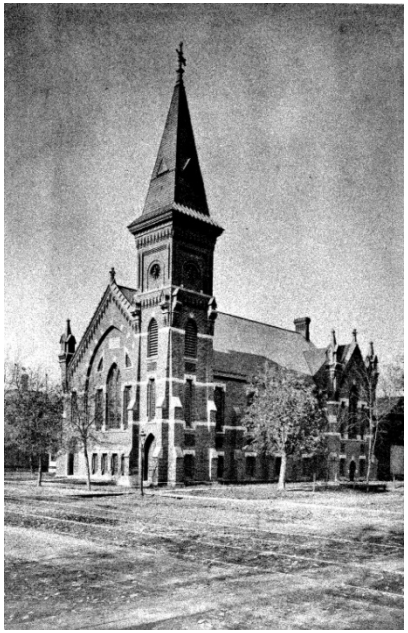

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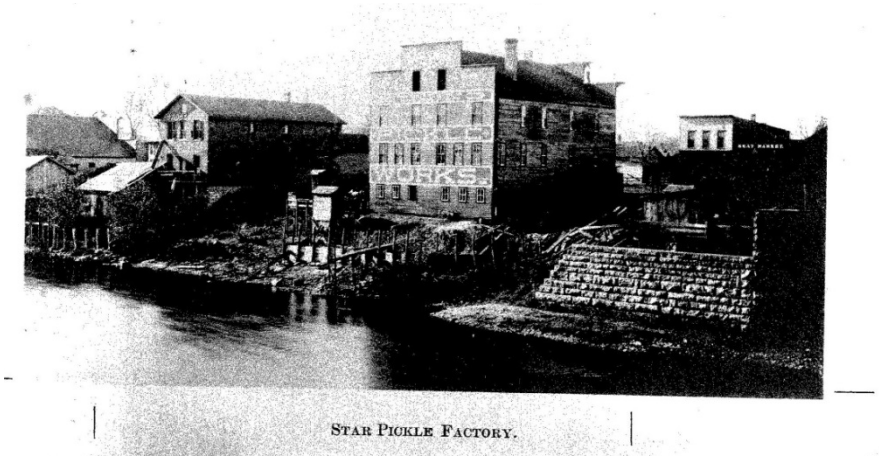

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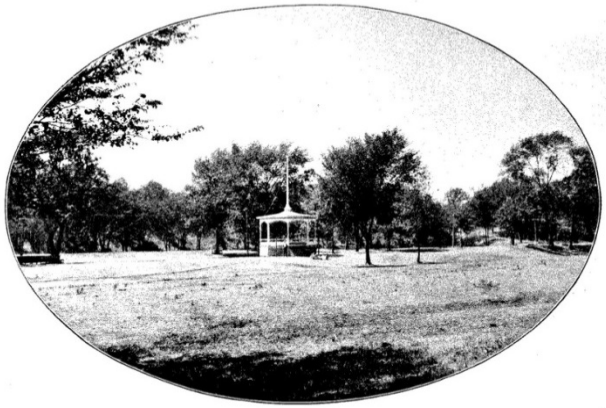
STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

HRGreen

Czech Village

Ranked 1st



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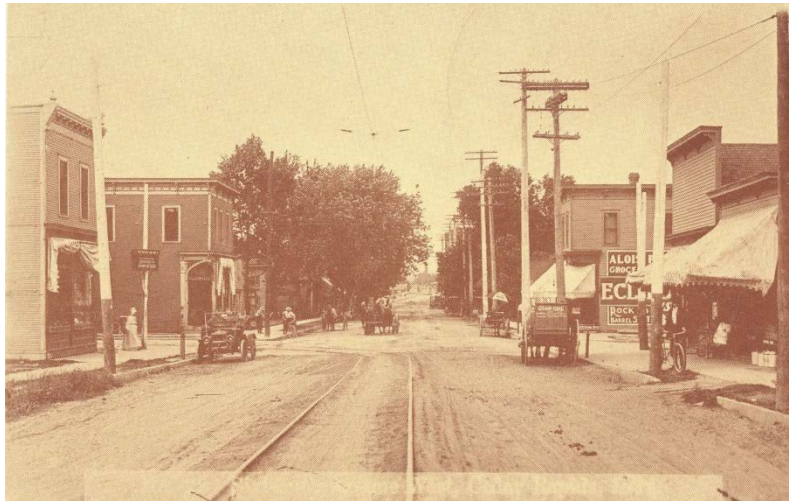

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FUTURE OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Open House 2

- Scheduled at Cedar Rapids Public Library – March 31, 2015: 11 – 1 & 4 – 7
- Preliminary alignment - mounted on a board and easel.
  - Additional reference materials (e.g., regulatory constraints, utilities, and additional considerations – cultural, environmental and associated issues) will be available as table references.
  - We may also create two stations with identical information to reduce wait-time for participants
  - A fly-though model will also be prepared for the west side alignment. This will involve one station monitor/laptop
- Aesthetic design boards will build from feedback gathered at Open House 1 and related events
  - Images will associate the levees, walls, gates, and associated accoutrements with west side sub-areas as well as incorporate historic elements associated with these areas.
  - Images will be preliminary but will represent a logical next step between general design precedence images and associating them with the west side project limits
- Will conduct a short presentation to orient participants
  - Orientation presentation may be recorded running on a looped presentation format or live presentations scheduled at optimum times

Open House 3

- Presentation will include:
  - A final select alignment for the west side including supportive material justifying the location and associated costs;
  - Concept level aesthetic design for west side improvements with associated cost considerations
- Information will be provided in still images/boards and visual fly-through presentations
- Feedback will be solicited at this event; however, the emphasis will be on reporting recommendations to the public