

Business Loop Community Improvement District

Pop Up Lot Committee Meeting Minutes

601 Business Loop 70 West #128

January 31 11:00 am

Present:

James Roark-Gruender

Ryan Euliss

Linda Schust

Dave Griggs

Susan Hart

Yousef Darkhalil

Carrie Gartner

Roark-Gruender was nominated chair by unanimous consent.

Roark-Gruender distributed a layout of the lot and proceeded to lead a discussion on the various elements of the lot.

1) Size and location

The lot should be as close to the street as the setback allows to add some liveliness to the area. It will also be located on the easternmost edge to allow for BEC vehicle access. This access area can be painted to ensure it is kept clear. Food trucks could park outside the fencing to allow easy access and visibility.

2) Turf section

The goal is a game/play area demarcated by a section of artificial turf. Some of the questions that arose were how to affix the turf and ADA accessibility. A low pile turf would be fine for wheelchairs but concern was raised over the transition point between the asphalt and the turf. It's often a plastic edge and that would have to be wheelchair accessible. Cleaning would be a consideration and a hose run from Flooring America may suffice.

3) Shipping containers for storage and a stage

There is a local supplier of modified shipping containers. 40 ft. containers could be placed on the north and south ends of the lot, with one modified as a stage on the north and one used for storage on the south. The back of the Bus Loop facing one could be painted with a mural.

4) Furniture

Movable chairs and small tables in bright colors would make the space more inviting. Colorful plastic Adirondack chairs would be very affordable. Euliss would check on large wood spools from BEC. Picnic tables could be purchased affordably and assembled. Concerns arose over movable furniture going missing, even with a fence and gate. The recommendation was to store the movable furniture in the shipping container and bring them out for events. It may be possible to have picnic tables left out permanently.

5) Fencing

There was some concern about setting fence posts into new asphalt. Euliss will check on that. An alternative would be to purchase concrete blocks from a supplier to serve as a foundation for the fence—posts would be mounted into the concrete block instead. These blocks could be painted to add color. Fencing would not have to encircle the shipping containers. One or two large, sliding gates will be placed on the west side. The idea was 4 or 5 ft high fencing, depending on what was available. Also, a coated fence in a bright color was an option, depending on availability.

6) Electricity

A city pole is located on the eastern edge of the lot and a temporary connection can be made there, with lines running along the eastern edge of the lot and a meter placed on the stage shipping container. This would power the strings of lights and the stage.

7) Port-a-Pots

Parks and Rec leases port-a-pots for a season and leaves them in an area that can easily be serviced. That can be inside the gate provided the company has a key and can access it with the truck. A large bucket with hand sanitizer and paper towels can be stored in the shipping container and brought out during events. This location still needs to be determined.

8) Landscaped pots

Large metal watering troughs can serve as planters for seasonal flowers and greenery. We would have to hire someone to water them.

To do:

Euliss and Gartner meet to determine BEC needs, etc.

Contact shipping container provider

Fence quotes

Public Comment

There was no public comment