



August 2023 RAISE Update

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- The project team compiled and analyzed results from the July public meetings held to gather input on the Central Park and Main Street projects. Both the survey and in person survey results showed a clear preference for a comprehensive redesign of Central Park.
- Utilizing the public input from the July public meetings, the SCAPE team worked closely with City staff on the final Central Park/Main Street concept plan to be presented to the public on August 30th. The final concept plan was designed to reflect the public input that showed a clear preference for a comprehensive redesign of Central Park.
- City staff consulted with SCAPE and local Veterans groups during several in person meetings to determine the future location of the Veterans monuments currently in Central Park. The Civil War and 28th Military Police Company monuments will remain in Central Park. The group that oversees the Wars of the United States monument (Discover Downtown Johnstown Partnership) decided to relocate the monument to Sandyvale Memorial Gardens.
- City staff updated the City RAISE webpage with information about the three design alternatives presented to the public at Central Park in July.
- City staff worked on completing a Financial Capacity Questionnaire, Technical Capacity Questionnaire, FTA Region 3 New Recipient Information, and Region 3 New Recipient Checklist; all required documents to be completed and submitted to FTA Region 3.
- City staff sent correspondence to FTA Region III staff about the status of the RAISE agreement. The City is in the process of formalizing the RAISE award agreement with FTA Region III.
- Project team members conducted marketing activities with SCAPE for the public workshop on August 30th.
- Project team members planned for and attended the August 30th public workshop.
- City staff reviewed invoices from Michael Baker for the Section 106 and NEPA review work and forwarded equal share project invoices to project partners CamTran and JAHA. City staff reviewed invoicing from SCAPE and processed invoices for payment.
- City staff welcomed the new JAHA Executive Director Patty Carnevali and provided her a status update on the RAISE projects.
- City and SCAPE staff coordinated additional stakeholder meetings with event organizers, downtown business groups and individual property owners along Main Street throughout the month of August. Efforts here will be focused on meeting with Main Street business and property owners in September.

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