Cedar Taylor Preliminary Gateway Plan
Feedback as of Friday, June 16, 2017

University Heights Residents and Businesses:

1. The corner looks good now but this will make it look great. Any money spent on the corner will draw more customers to our business. Would it be possible to get a bigger sign for the plaza to list all the businesses, not just some of them?
2. It will be great to have a little park and grass area for the kids. The area would also be perfect for events to draw crowds to come and hang out in the business district and support local businesses.
3. It's exciting to see that you have plans to pretty up the corner. The plan looks fantastic! Please keep us updated on any upcoming meetings so we can stay involved.
4. This plan will be very nice. I have customers coming from many surrounding cities, and this area is a gateway for those coming from outside University Heights, so it will be nice for them to come to something that looks really good. Hopefully the green area will be like a park so people come and stay. I am really happy with it. When is it going to happen?
5. I am thrilled to see this process underway! My family lives in close walking distance of this corner. I love the curved brick walls and signage but I really don't like the arches. At first glance, it looked like McDonalds. I would love to see public art there but something that is beautiful and allows for walking around it and using the space. This looks random and doesn't fit the style of the walls. Maybe something with more classical columns… or something like the brushed metal friendship arch in front of Coventry library. I would love to see more designs presented than this. It really concerns me that it looks like McDonald's style arches and is the first thing you see of our city when coming from Cleveland Hts. And will the other side of the wall be walkable space?
6. The plan looks good thus far. I suggest not to add benches. This would discourage a meeting place for youth. Especially with the High School on the next block.
7. I'm not sure if anyone brought this up at the meeting regarding the *Cedar-Taylor gateway to University Heights*, I think the Cedar-Taylor intersection is a dangerous area that doesn't have to be. Allowing metered parking at the corners of that intersection is a VERY BAD idea. I imagine that this situation is driven mostly by the merchants located along Cedar and Taylor. I would hope that in the interest of safety that the businesses (located at the intersection) and the leadership of the municipalities (UH, CH, and SE) could get together and do the right thing; get rid of the parking please.
8. This is a great idea. I hope this intersection is able to flourish into a mini Cedar-Lee district! Thank you for pursuing this.
9. So far, it looks great. It will be a welcome change from what is there now. Finally, this gateway will make us look like an up-and-coming city. Would like to see more detailed plans as they unfold.
10. Another newsletter soliciting comments; another comment pleading with you to drop the idea of public art. Planting will be beautiful and it is unlikely that a peice of modern sculpture can make the area look more attractive.
11. I'm seeing 3 images. Is there more context available or other materials to review at this stage?
12. Would it be possible to post a map to show residents where this is, specifically? Would it be possible to insert a Google Map link? Other than that, it looks very appealing.
13. My "thoughts" on the proposed public art is that the images are very disconnected with the actual intersection. The existing structures on both sides are not rendered (including their distressed conditions) making the proposed entry scene seem in isolation from the actual setting. The sculpture looks similar to the one recently installed at the new Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center.

My suggestions would be to be honest about the surrounding structures, present an area with increased foliage, and have distinctive art (such as that on Coventry). This would be more honest, live up to the "City of Trees" idea, and commission art that is unique and memorable. Honestly, this is not an intersection that folks are going to walk to and sit on the benches. Rather an entry to the city that needs beatification and might serve to inspire local businesses to increase their green space and overall site clean up.

14. Its really look beautiful, its a long time coming, now thats in the making need to consentrate on the parcel at cedar at warrensville ctr road
15. Like the idea. Like the Stone work. Like the trees. Not a fan of the shapes. Lets just do more trees. Why pay for the metal work, when the art will likely be dated in a number of years.
16. Are any traffic calming measures going to be implemented? (eg. median islands, narrower car travel paths, speed tables etc.)
    Recommend minimizing parking to promote walk ability.
    What right-of-way impacts are expected? Will any right-of-way need to be acquired for this development?
    Are any low-impact-development facilities being proposed to convey stormwater?
    Are overhead utilities going to be undergrounded as a part of this project?
    Has any consideration been given to widening the sidewalks and allowing exterior seating for local restaurants?
    What does the city's transportation masterplan regarding bike lines in the road to discourage bikes riding on the sidewalks?
    Are bus shelters going to be implemented into the design?
17. I like the design but had envisioned a structure the "arched" over Cedar. Consider having the colorful arches extend or leap out of the garden design and bound over Cedar.
18. not a good idea. don't need it to be so busy there, and probably a big waste of taxpayer money and delay traffic with crosswalks that no one is going to be taking advantage of for most of the year anyways
19. I wish there was more public art.

Feedback from Outside University Heights:

1. Greetings, as a stakeholder in the area (owner of the south east corner) I can tell you that the retail store owners in our building would love to see more parking in the area. The parking that is there is largely hidden from sight behind other buildings and one would have to frequent the area to know about it. A large well lit and easily identifiable public lot would do wonders for the commercial tenants in the area. Perhaps have a sculpture park in the center of the lot and parking around it, or integrate parking with the other ideas that have been discussed?
2. The brickwork and masonry is nice, but the artwork is dreadful. It is supposed to be….what? It relates to UH….how? The renderings should add in light poles and traffic signals so as to show how it will really look, as those elements can adversely impact sight lines. And how will this signage improve the business district? Will it improve parking, encourage property owners to invest or businesses to move to this intersection?
3. As an Architect and enthusiast for pedestrian friendly environments, I believe the renderings demonstate an admirable vision, but one that is ultimately ill-advised. Context is very important. Any potential user of this park is less than 1/4 mile from the much nicer Cain Park. That's in Cleveland Heights, sure, but makes no difference to a pedestrian user. Even if you park at the strip mall: Cain is literally steps away and that IS where people will go.

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Cedar road is very busy, and as a parent with young children, I'm within very close walking distance of this locatoin and I would visit Cain Park (or drive to Purvis park) 10 or 20 times before even considering stopping at the corner of Cedar/Taylor: it is not and should not be considered a prime location for respite.
Compared to the development opportunities espoused by Rach/Weiss, this concept is ill-advised.