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KUTS Planning Group:

An Update on Progress - Clay South, Doyle, and Singing Wind

Clay/Water

Sarah and Andrew with Hand in Hand Creative arrived in Kerrville last week. The Voelkels have allowed the Wilsons to park their custom house-on-wheels on site to be close to the mural wall.

We are following Sarah and Andrew's lead on the creative process to develop a concept design for this mural. They are immersing themselves in the natural beauty of our town during one of the prettiest times of the year. Feel free to knock on the yellow door at the rear of their Chevy house to introduce yourself and share your welcome.

Clay/Jefferson

A concept has been finalized for the mural at the Napa building, to be installed by Austin-based artist Bill Tavis. Bill specializes in a "half-tone" style of mural art, and will be featuring Kerrville's Harry Dietert as the inspired image in his mural at the Napa building. Rendering attached.

Five Star Rental has donated the use of a scissor lift. Schreiner University has donated lodging to the artist during his stay. Doty McLaughlin Foundation has contributed \$5,000 toward the mural, in addition to a similar contribution they made towards the Voelkel mural.

What a town.

Bill arrives December 7th and should be done in 2 weeks, weather permitting.

The photo of Harry was provided by Joe Herring Jr., and was taken on Water Street around 1910. Harry is posing in the vehicle he built to "give girls a ride" while he was a student at Tivy. Harry went on to develop patents significant to the automotive industry, and made lasting contributions to the Kerrville community.

KPUB has brought out its internal installation crews, and has surveyed Clay Street to determine installation requirements for the string light engineering design at both intersections.

The City Streets Dept is in communication with its crosswalk material suppliers. The intent is to design within the abilities of existing fabricators and City crew installers, to keep costs reasonable.

We are still on pace to have both intersections complete by June 2021.

Doyle

A draft trail route through the Doyle neighborhood has been created with input from the Doyle Community Center Board and Doyle community leaders. The route includes the seven historic "Juke Joints", Mount Olive Baptist, Barnett Chapel, Glory Community Garden, Carver Park, Doyle Community Center, and other sites as suggested by the community.

The draft route has been shared with the City, for consideration for pending infrastructure improvements under the neighborhood development plan. See attached - A VERY DRAFT MAP.

A rough estimate for custom KUTS marker fabrication/installation has been determined at approximately \$1,000/marker. We anticipate 10-14 markers.

If we are able to utilize existing City budgeting for street improvements to cover the cost of a purple thermoplastic stripe to designate the trail, it's possible that current funds could cover fab/install costs for all markers on the Doyle trail.

Thanks to the donors who made the ClaySouth murals possible, we might be able to make a positive impact in the Doyle community without needing to raise additional funds.

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Singing Wind

With the completion of the Olympic Drive extension and Schreiner University's "perimeter trail" on campus, a new opportunity exists for a significant connector of Tivy High School to the River Trail.

The newest River Trail extension is complete, connecting G Street Trailhead to SU's new Trailhead at the back of campus near the Robbins Lewis Pavilion. SU has also completed a 1.85 mile walking trail on campus, currently not open to the public due to Covid. This new trail follows the outer perimeter of campus, providing hike/bike passage from Trailhead to East Main.

A 1,300' City easement exists between Singing Wind near its intersection with Olympic and East Main near the SU entrance. A decomposed granite trail could be constructed on this easement, completing the missing link for a continuous walk/bike trail from Tivy all the way to the River Trail.

From Tivy, down a beefy sidewalk along the Olympic Dr extension, through a new gravel trail on the City easement, along SU's existing gravel perimeter trail, to SU's Trailhead, to the River Trail extension, to the G Street Trailhead, and on the River Trail to wherever the heart desires.

Both SU and the City have been included in the discussion. KUTS could potentially help raise funds and oversee trail development for this missing piece. Budget has not been nailed down, but is anticipated to be \$25,000-50,000.

Additional fundraising would be required to make KUTS-Singing Wind happen. Once we have final blessings and plans in collaboration with the City and SU, we can develop a fundraising strategy and get er dun.

What a town.

Jeremy