



September 10, 2010

Ralph Rognstad, Director
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Dear Mr. Rognstad,

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Make no little plans.
They have no magic to
stir men's blood....
- Daniel Burnham

I am writing on behalf of the Jordan Valley Advisory Committee to express our strong support for the LINK project and grant application. The Jordan Valley Advisory Committee voted unanimously on August 26, 2010 to support this effort. The LINK concept fulfills key recommendations within the City Council adopted citizen based plan for Springfield's central gather place grand civic gesture the Jordan Valley, and Jordan Valley Park Concept Plan and Design Guidelines, February 22, 1010, including the following:

- to link the various components within Jordan Valley, especially the different components of the park: The Quarry, East Meadows, and West Meadows... linkages of the Downtown to Jordan Valley Park is extremely important and should receive highest priority.
Connect Drury University and OTC via a greenway extension (to the east Meadows of Jordan Valley): The student populations would benefit from a direct connection to Jordan Valley. In addition, the developments within Jordan Valley would benefit from use by Drury and OTC. Connecting the existing greenway trail in Jordan Valley with the trail north of Central Street will link Jordan Valley to Silver Springs Park and Smith Park as well as the adjacent neighborhoods and developments. Such a connection would also provide linkage to the Boys and Girls Club Stalnaker Unit and Evangel University.
Trails and Paths: Jogging and walking trails and separate bike paths should wind through the area. Consistent paving color and material along these trails and pathways would be a unifying element. Well-designed and carefully located seating areas, furnished with interpretive graphics, benches, drinking fountains, public toilets, and lighting could provide safe stops for resting.
Linkage of downtown to Jordan Valley Park is essential and every effort should be made to incorporate linkage design features in future elements.

The Jordan Valley Advisory Committee communicates monthly with the Department of Planning and Development Staff about this and other planning initiatives and projects. This committee also hosts public input opportunities related to Jordan Valley redevelopment. If this application is successful we will continue to be a partner and assist the City in fulfilling the goals of this project.

Sincerely,
[Handwritten signature of Barbara J. Lucks]
Barbra J. Lucks, Chair