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Planning Commission Recommends the River Park Concept be Approved

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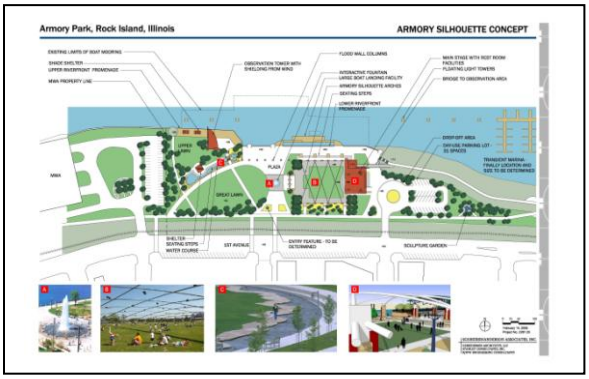

Rock Island's Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Armory Park Plan on Tuesday, May 20 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1528 3rd Avenue. Schreiber / Anderson Associates (SAA) presented the latest design concepts for the park, including the stage pavilion, observation tower, water elements, promenade, parking, flood protection and other elements. This was another step in the process for refining the design and asking for public comments. On Monday, February 18th, the Mayor and City Council approved the Revised Silhouette Concept for the new riverfront park. This plan was shared with the Planning Commission previously. Since then SAA has been making revisions based on more definitive engineering and construction details, so the plan is evolving and latest design concepts can be seen here.

The plan proposes that the existing Armory building be demolished, to be replaced by a new stage / pavilion with attendant restrooms / observation deck and "green" rooms for performers to change and prepare for events. There will also be an audience seating area adjacent to the stage and much more. Check out the latest design concepts by clicking here!

The Planning Commission recommended, "That the riverfront park concept plan be approved because it consistent with the City's long-range plans, offers multiple passive and active recreation and programming areas, spectacular views of the Mississippi River, maintains flood protection, provides docking opportunities and creates iconic space on the riverfront."