

1,500 square feet THRESHER
9,190 square feet GATEWAY
6,000 square feet AG Center

AG CENTER 2016 proposed 5,000 square feet, now 7,500 square feet, 50% increase.

SITE QUESTIONS

Why was the AG CENTER moved from east of the Halfway House and increased in size?
The proposed location near the Mansion takes away context of a mansion as being surrounded by open space. This diminishes the legacy and wishes of Caroline Martin-Mitchell by removing part of the museum, the land around it, relegating her mansion into another building on a built campus. Caroline's 1936 will states that the home, along with an adjacent 7-acres, be kept in perpetuity as a museum. Pine Craig implies and deserves open space complementing the mansion's significance. The original site proposed fits into the landscape – osage orange trees can be added. The AG CENTER can be adjacent to the non-climate controlled THRESHER building.

DEVELOPMENT PETITION QUESTIONS

Explain the relationship between the NHS/NS/NSMB and City. Approval process?
Who owns the buildings? Who owns the collections?
What is the annual budget of NS? NHS? What % is contributed by tax dollars? Grants?
Membership? Donations?
Will there be a capitol campaign? Sponsorships?
When did acreage of NS change from 13 to 12.37?
Who and by what process authorized Harriet Pistorio COO of NS to be the Petitioner? Not the president of NHS? Not the executive director of NS? Not the City Manager?
If the City owns the buildings, is the City the Petitioner? These will become City buildings.
What entity is the Petitioner?
The Wight & Company plans indicate NHS as the Client.

STATEMENT OF INTENT QUESTIONS

What are the plans/budgets to take care of existing Naper Settlement assets in need of attention? For example, many roofs appear overdue repair/replacement. What deferred maintenance should be addressed before building new structures?
How will these three structures contribute to the revenue of NS?
How is PEH entry outdated? It is stated under Operating Hours that the GATEWAY will function as the PEH does.
Why not lower level of chapel or PEH tavern for class lunches?
Naperville has thousands of square feet of classroom space. NS is an outdoor museum. Why take away the outdoors with more buildings?

AIC open 6-hours a day Tuesday thru Friday; 24-hours a week during school session November – March, with Monday included April-October. What % increase in capacity for school tours is anticipated over 2019?

What are the O&M projections for the Ag Center?

DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIARIES QUESTIONS

How should it be disclosed that the civic partnerships, not words defined in the legal structures of language implied in this disclosure, of the Naperville community as represented by the board of NHS, the staff of NS, and the NSMS board be identified? Follow the money interests is being asked in this disclosure, however, following leadership interests should be part of the petition disclosure.

“Museum: Owned by the City.” Is the City petitioning itself? Define Museum and what is owned by the City: land, buildings, infrastructure, collections? This PUD is an opportunity to educate the community about the history, management and vision of NHS/NS/NSMB.

PARKING QUESTIONS

Is there an understanding or formal agreement with the park district to use Centennial Beach parking lot?

What rentals are anticipated at the GATEWAY? The AIG? The PEH? The Meeting House? The grounds? Open space allows greater flexibility of use and broader inclusion of ideas.

What has been NS (staff, guest, vendor) use of the Water Street parking deck?

BUILDING ELEVATIONS LETTER QUESTIONS

Existing structures are historic and of a similar Midwestern time period. Naper Settlement Museum Village was designed to represent a 19th-century town like Naperville. Victorian, Greek Revival and Gothic Revival all have specific definitions. What is the specific definition for the Modern Style mentioned here?

What is “the ability to self-curate stories?”

What is “minds-on activity”?

What is meant by “trying to fabricate history”?

LANDSAPING QUESTIONS

How many trees will be removed?

Will native plants represent the majority of landscape material?
Will farm crops be part of the landscaping?

PUD DEVIATION QUESTIONS

Page 1, 1.2. Are tax-payer dollars involved in this project beyond the \$250,000 recently allocated by the City? What percent?

Page 2 top left: Emerson School Improvements?

Page 2, last 1. What landscaping solution is being proposed to accommodate Section 4.2.1? No landscaping facing Webster? The architecture of this building does not mirror the internal historic architectural styles of the 19th-century designed Naper Settlement. The response to this variance implies landscaping will mirror the native landscaping of Naper Settlement while the architectural style of the building itself will not mirror the architectural style of Naper Settlement.

Page 3 top left: Emerson School Improvements?

Page 3, 3. Section 4.2.1 speaks to placement of landscaping, not type. Why is this variance being requested?

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The paragraph below, written by Naperville Settlement is nothing more than nonsense. Its connection as an "economic engine for the vibrancy of our city" is nothing more than nonsense. In the past, community leaders told us we needed to have the Downtown Library to help downtown, then it was City Hall to help downtown. All they accomplished was to remove two prime city blocks from the tax rolls. The attempt to establish an "Innovative Gateway Agricultural Center and Thresher Pavilion is a waste of money and is not in keeping with the original purpose of Naperville Settlement. Also there are at least 11 museums in Illinois devoted to farm history. What is being proposed is not "an investment in education and cultural tourism."

Sheldon Hayer
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What will the Innovation Gateway add to the community and downtown area?

One of the center's project objectives is to establish a cultural connection to Naperville's dynamic downtown and serves as a direct and indirect economic engine for the vibrancy of our city - advancing tourism, street-life and city beautification efforts. The center will also have an indoor gathering space available for events and social gatherings, as well as feature a dynamic educational space for our more than 35,000 school children, changing digital exhibits and content-driven programming. The new visitor center will be an investment in education and cultural tourism.