

STELLAR UPDATE

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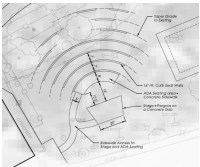


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Culver Park received a \$25,000 grant from the [Marshall County Community Foundation](#) toward the construction of an amphitheater just east of the Beach Lodge. The amphitheater is intended to provide an outdoor gathering space for public music, art, and educational events with a unique setting right on the lake.

Preliminary plans call for four rows of tiered grass seating with concrete retaining walls, as well as additional open seating areas around the stage and under trees. Final design of the amphitheater will not be complete until late spring. The Town will move forward with public fundraising efforts as well as applying for the [Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority \(IHCD\)](#) Crowdfunding grant.

Stellar Survey Results



The [results](#) are in from the Stellar survey. A big thanks to all those who took the time to complete it. Citizens ranked the movie theatre renovation as the most important additional project to consider, followed by expanding the number of housing units in development, and expanding Cavalier Park improvements to include the baseball fields on Slate Street.

In light of the survey, the Stellar Committee voted to include the movie theatre renovation project in the 2017 Stellar application and to continue developing budgets and revenue models for this project.

Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper Projects Discussed



The Stellar Committee is researching “lighter, quicker, cheaper” projects to accomplish as part of the Stellar Communities application. According to [Project for Public Spaces](#), the idea behind the “lighter, quicker, cheaper” projects is to “find fast, creative, profitable ways to capitalize on local ingenuity and turn public spaces into treasured community places.”

At the most recent meeting, committee members spent some time brainstorming ideas resulting in the following possibilities:

- A history walk along the lake
- Water stations along the bike/pedestrian path
- Rental bike stations in town
- Sidewalk rain art

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Members of the Stellar Committee headed south to tour Delphi, the 2012 Stellar Community Designee. The group toured the restored Delphi Opera House, area trail improvements, downtown façade updates, and affordable housing projects. The Delphi Opera House was truly an inspiration, and provided one possible revenue model for Culver's movie theatre renovation project. More information about the Delphi Opera House history is available [here](#). Thanks to former Delphi mayor Randy Strasser for hosting the group.

Upcoming Events:

Stellar Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 200 East Washington Street, Culver.

Click on the hyper links to view Stellar Committee minutes for [March 7, 2017](#) and [March 21, 2017](#).