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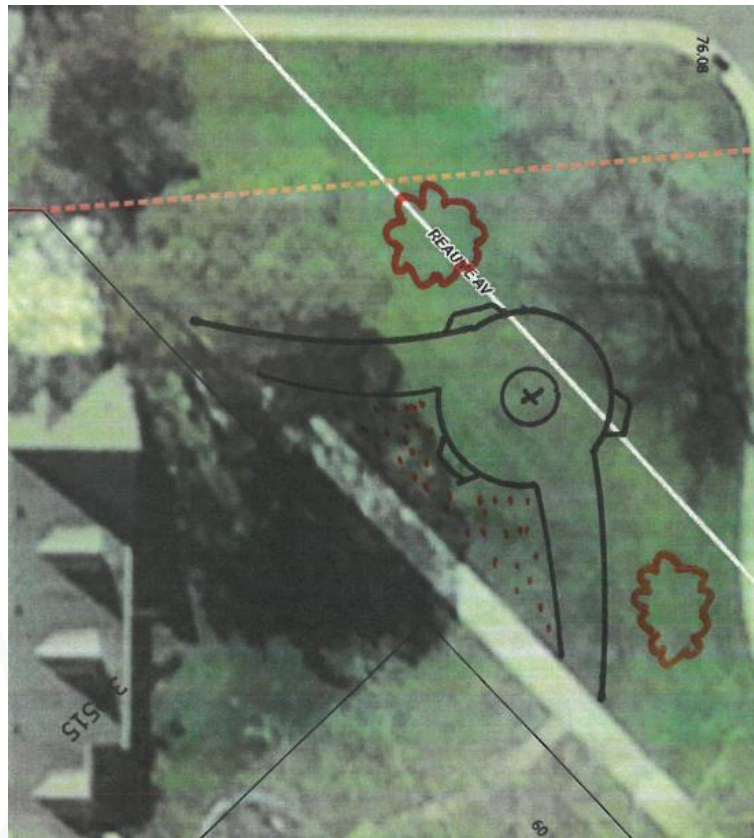
## PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To: Plan Commission  
From: Dave Kittel, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Date: 11/18/2024  
Re: Park Donation-DAR Monument

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) had donated a monument to the City of Kaukauna some time ago as a historical marker for Hendrick Aupaumut ( use this link for more info on the marker <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Image/IM35233> ), see the below of image of the existing monument with location on Hendricks Ave:



This is a unique and important part of our local history and something that should be preserved. DAR is looking to refurbish and update this existing monument to provide more insight on to the importance of Hendrick Aupoamut and his family. Currently the location is not ideal, and this corner could be better utilized. From conversations with representatives from DAR creating a more inviting parklet is a realistic opportunity that will add beauty to the area and assist in preserving this history. With some efforts from the City, and DAR a parklet is a possible item on this small corner DAR will contribute a new monument and benches and some financial assistance along with working with other groups to create a small area to sit, reflect and spark curiosity into the history of our area. Possible layout of this area is below and still needs to be refined. The concept would be to create a low maintenance area with robust plantings that would add beauty but not need constant mowing such as using clover instead of grass and native plantings/flowers:



The final material for the monument is still being determined but is leaning towards a Wisconsin Blue stone with donated benches in the below style:

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While this would be different from our current benches they would be donated to the city and are created from recycled plastics from our area. This plays well with the City's strategic plan for sustainability.

Final details are still being worked out but, as this moves forward this is an ideal time to discuss and gain feedback before additional steps are taken to create this space.

For more information on Hendrick Aupaumut see below links:

<https://kaukaunlibrary.org/a-brief-history-of-kaukauna/>

<https://www.wissar.org/aupaumut>

<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/03-21-02-0283>

**Recommendation:**

**Discussion purpose only at this time**

