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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**Subject: Library Permanent Story Walk Discussion**

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### **Background Summary:**

Due to the recent and ongoing restrictions due to Covid-19 conducting children's programming has become increasingly challenging. The library would like to install a permanent "Story Walk" on City property. Below are some of Annette's comments.

*We've been doing a lot of book walks this summer, and unfortunately I don't think we will be able to do much traditional children's programming in the coming year. The youth librarian and I have been talking about possibly trying to raise funds (through grants and our friends and foundation) to put in a permanent Story Walk. Is this something the city would be interested in? It would obviously have to go into a city park and would mean more trimming for park staff. Library staff would change out the books.*

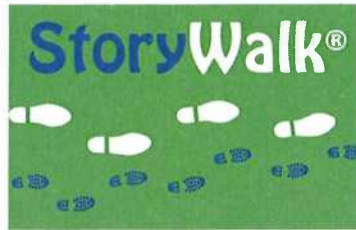
*Newton Iowa has done this and that will give a better idea of what we have in mind. I talked to the Newton librarian and it sounds like the one in their town featured in the article was about \$7,000 to install. <https://www.newtondailynews.com/2020/07/08/the-storywalk-is-ready-at-agnes-patterson-park/asgfxzy/>*

Annette has discussed with Park & Recreation Superintendent Tyler Mitchell and he has also been supportive. Annette will be present Monday night to discuss.

Attached are some samples and potential locations for the Story Walk.

CITY OF CHARLES CITY

# Charles City Story Walk



A StoryWalk is a permanent display for a book walk. A book is dismembered and presented page by page on a trail, bike path, or in store windows. Charles City Public Library and the Friends of the Charles City Public Library have been doing book walks and “tail tales” for many years. They are well received by our patrons as a great way to enjoy nature and reading while maintaining social distance. We would like to install permanent posts and cement pads in a city park to make this a lasting attraction for Charles City and Floyd County residents to enjoy.



Photo credit Newton Daily News

## Estimated Costs

Aluminum post mounts (21	\$6311.34
Labor for installation	??
Costs for each book presented	\$100
Copies of books, lamination,	

For a 18”h x 24”w page, with a viewable area of 17” h x 23” w.

45 degree display angle.

Standard post length is 60”, for in ground installation

Longer posts and surface mounted posts are available.

Installed height 28”to 32”

Prepare footing depth per your region’s requirements.

Ensure post is plumb and level while back filling with appropriate material.



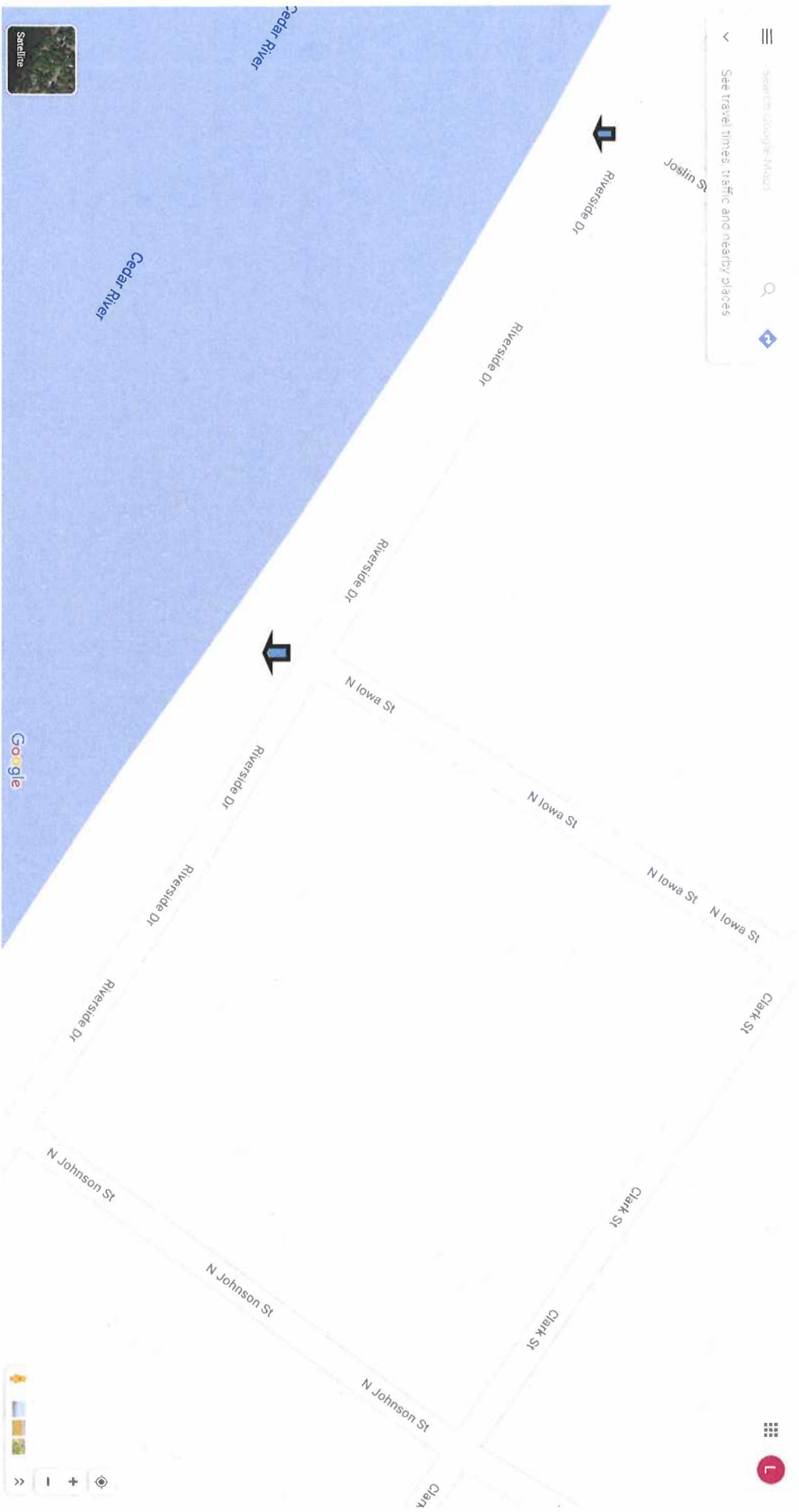
Removable bottom rail for page insertion.

The 2 sheets of acrylic - with the laminated page between them - slide up into the exposed channel on the bottom of the frame.

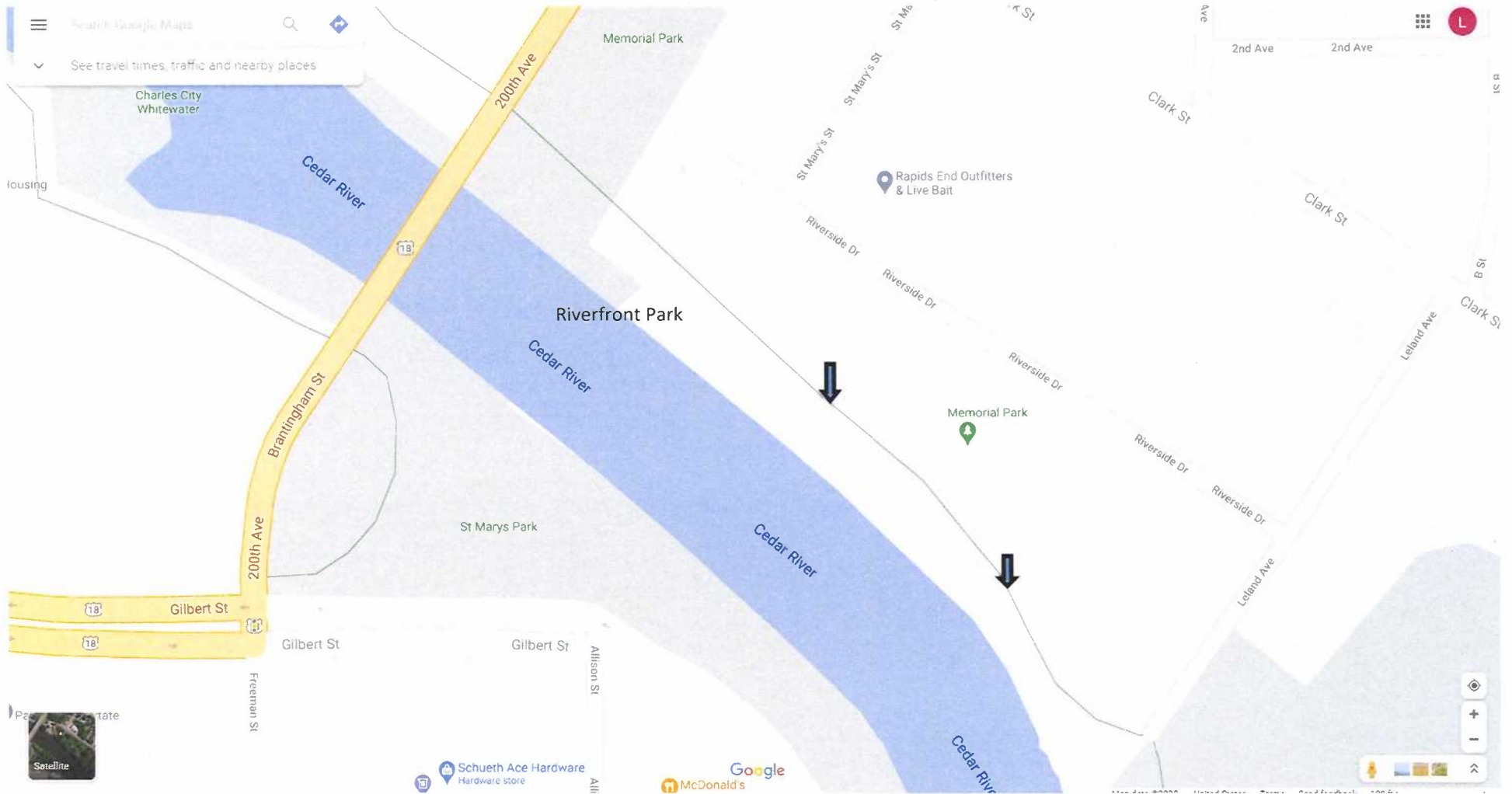
The powder coated aluminum frame has a 1 year warranty.

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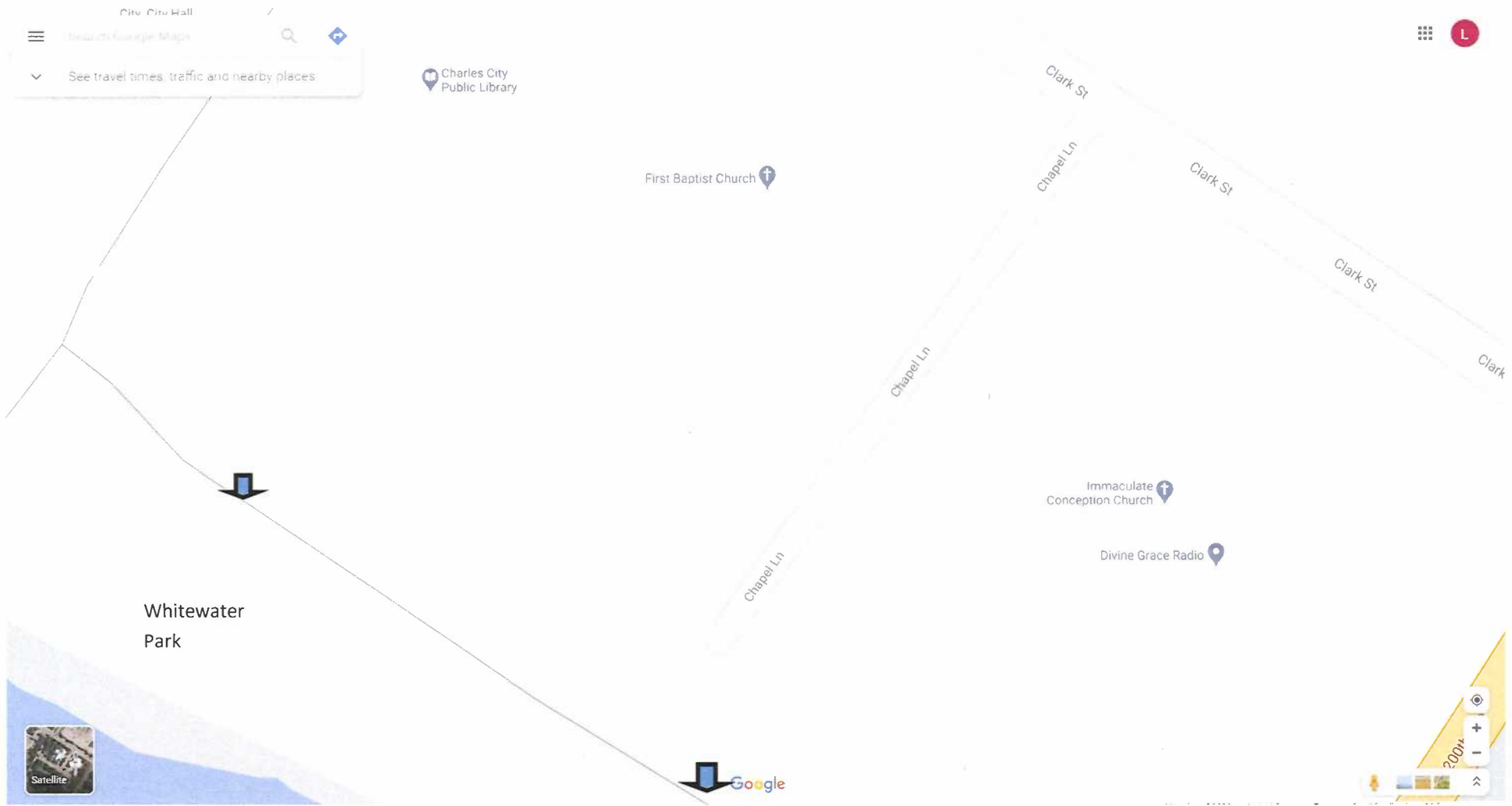


Riverside Park (along Riverside Dr)



Riverfront park

Start just on the other side of amphitheater near hole 4 of disc golf course.



This area has two paths. Storywalk would be on the upper one, not the one closest to the river.

Book pages spaced 12 feet apart.

1'x1.5' pads