

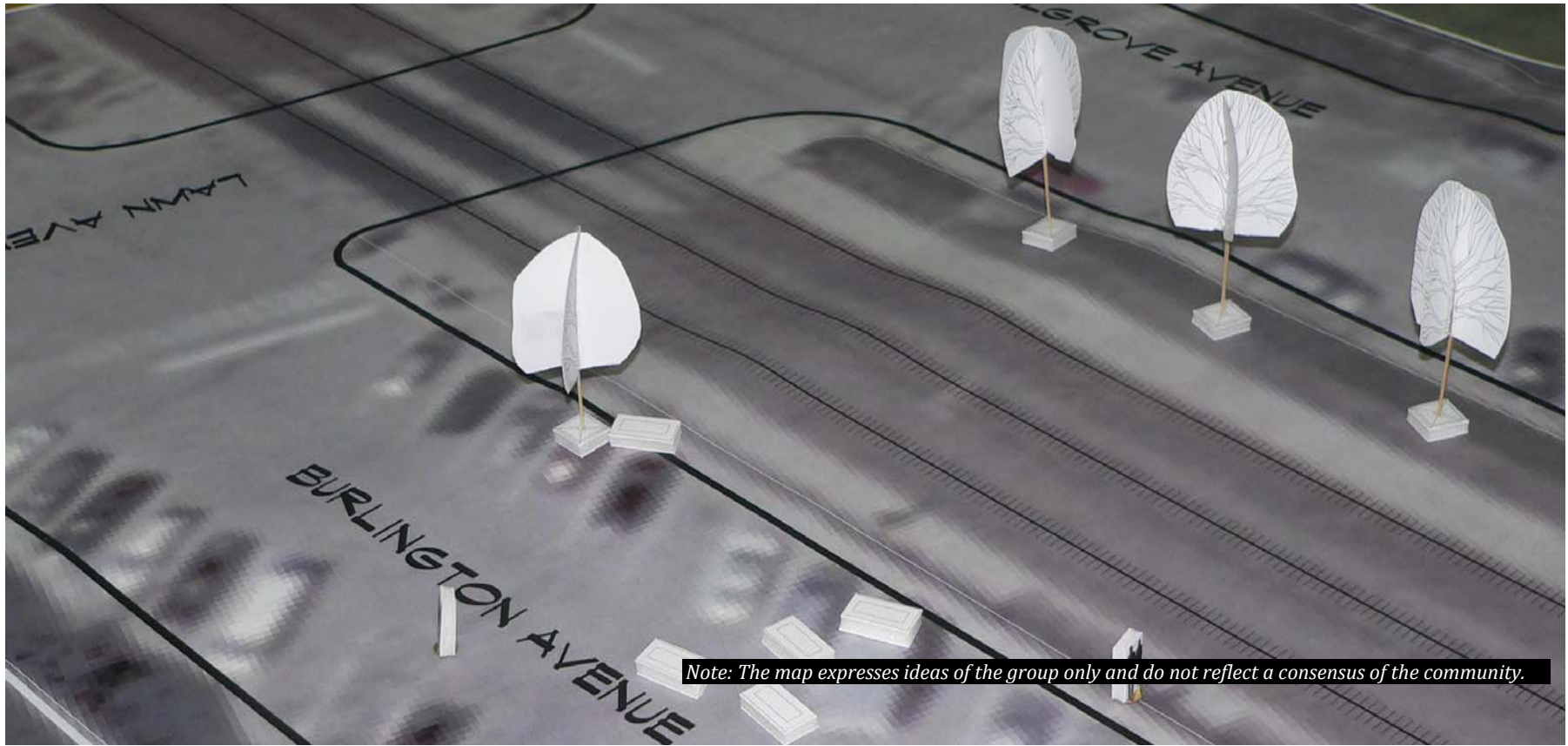
STREETSCAPE EXERCISE – GROUP 1 (Facilitator: Bridget Lane, Business Districts, Inc.)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Add trees to the north of the tracks.
- Consider adding a refuge island in the middle of the three way intersection to make pedestrians safer.
- Add 5-feet to the sidewalks adjacent to the storefronts
- Leave Tower Green as it is.

HIGHLIGHTS

- To protect pedestrians, slow the traffic traveling north across the tracks.
- Add bicycle parking



Note: The map expresses ideas of the group only and do not reflect a consensus of the community.

STREETSCAPE EXERCISE – GROUP 2 (Facilitator: Jodi Mariano, Teska Associates, Inc.)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Make pedestrian crosswalks more obvious to encourage safer crossings between Hillgrove and Burlington Avenues.
- Improve pedestrian pavement areas located north and south of railroad tracks.
- Focus any new tree plantings and benches in Tower Green.
- Make sidewalks wide to maximize pedestrian flow.
- Incorporate raised metal planter troughs to incorporate more green in downtown.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Improve the appearance of the Metra platform area west of the station area.



STREETSCAPE EXERCISE – GROUP 3 (Facilitator: Kon Savoy, Teska Associates, Inc.)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Widen sidewalk along Burlington, particularly in front of high activity areas, such as the hardware store and Casey's.
- Consider changing the angle of on-street parking to compensate for widened sidewalks.
- Enhance pedestrian crosswalks with curb-extensions with landscaping to provide for safer, more attractive connections along busy streets, and to act as traffic calming measures by narrowing the travel lanes.
- Add a stop sign for east bound traffic at the intersection by the Tower Green.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Consider closing the Lawn Avenue railroad crossing, expect for maintaining a pedestrian connection. This will provide additional opportunities for landscaping and on-street parking, as well as improve traffic safety for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Create a “traffic table” or raised portion of the street along Hillgrove at the southern most railroad crossing to provide traffic calming that will improve pedestrian and vehicular safety.
- Expand the parkway area along Hillgrove adjacent to Tower Park (currently stripped no-parking zone).



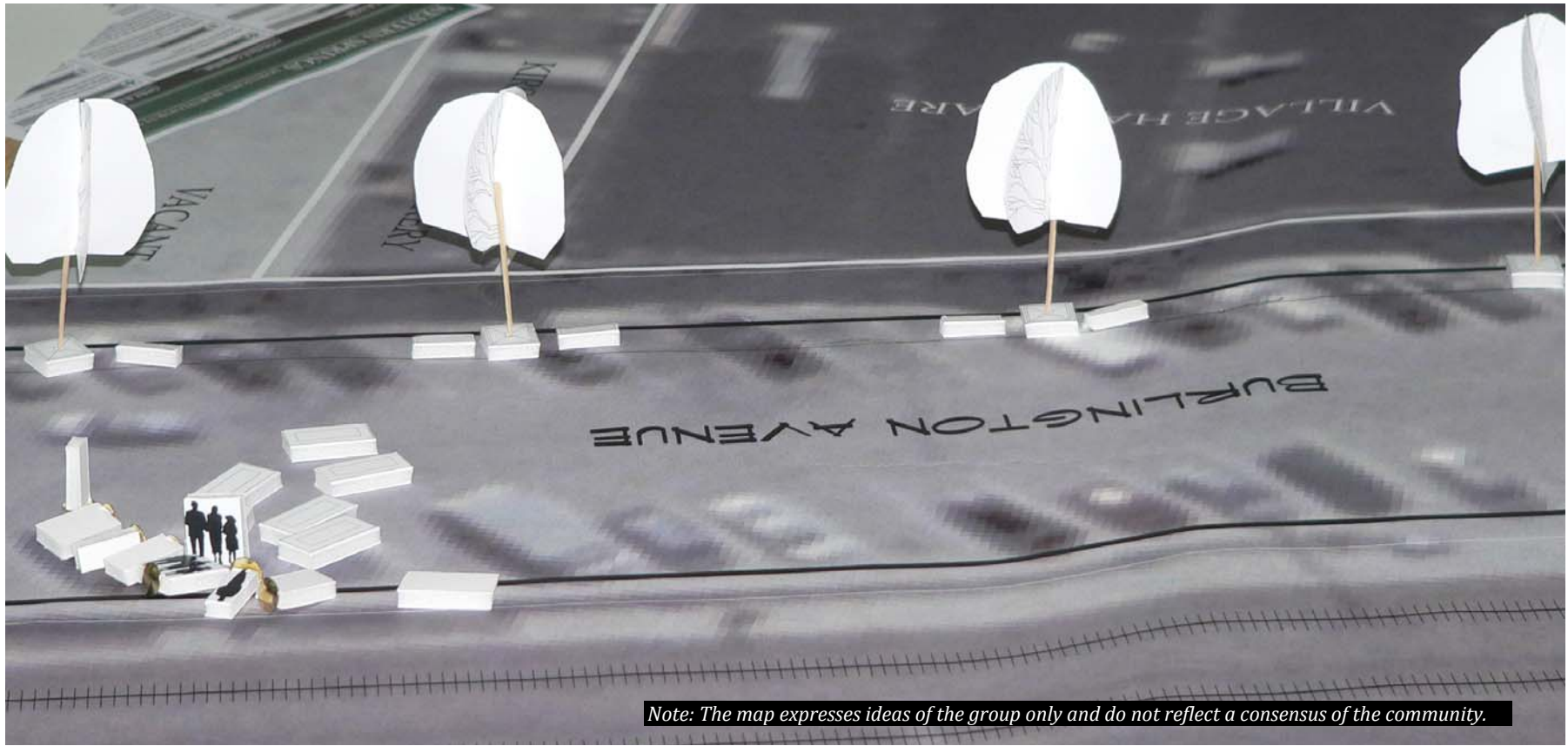
STREETSCAPE EXERCISE – GROUP 5 (Facilitator: Mike Fitzgerald, OKW Architects)

HIGHLIGHTS

- What comes first, Development and Increased density or new Streetscape?
- How are the Streetscape improvements financed?
- Increase width of sidewalk along Burlington between Wolf and Lawn
- Provide parkway trees in grates in front of retail (along Hillgrove and Burlington)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Minimize raised planters (which are difficult to maintain)
- Provide benches in parkway in front of retail
- Increase seating (park benches) in Tower Green
- Primary focus should be on areas in front of retail and not near train tracks



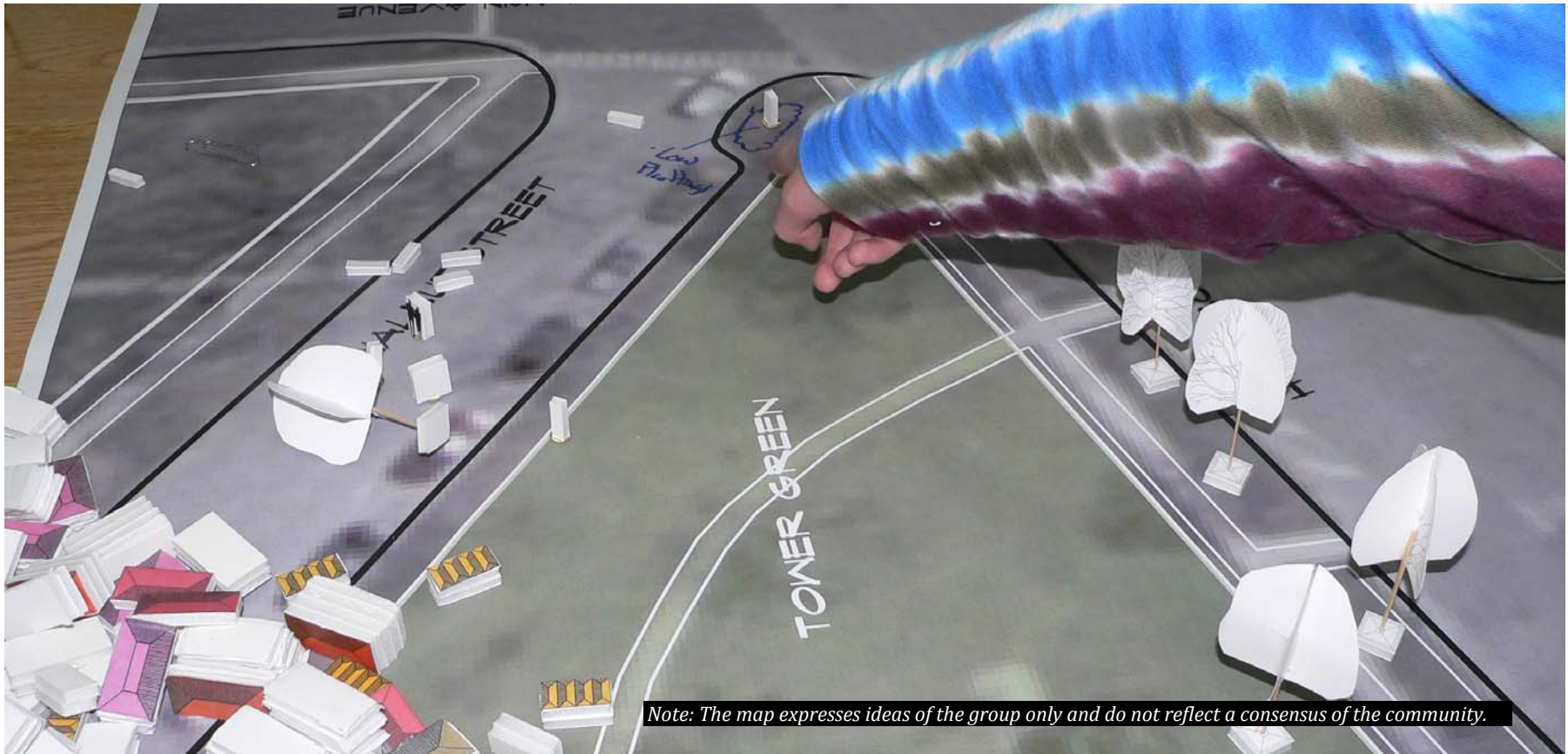
STREETSCAPE EXERCISE – GROUP 6 (Facilitator: Mike Hoffman, Teska Associates, Inc.)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Provide pedestrian crosswalk across Hillgrove at Lawn Avenue (from intersection of Lawn and Walnut).
- Enhance eastern corner of Tower Park with small seating area and additional low plantings (to ensure clear visibility of motorists). Consider additional street trees along Hillgrove.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Corner in front of Harris Bank is the best corner in downtown Western Springs.
- Consider adding landscaping along the east side of Lawn Avenue, south of Burlington near True Value. A long planter was suggested between the last parking space and the corner. Vertical plantings were suggested to break-up the long blank wall.



STREETSCAPE EXERCISE – GROUP 7 (Facilitator: Todd Vanadilok, Teska Associates, Inc.)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Evaluate feasibility of closing off Walnut St with a cul-de-sac
- Provide parkway trees that are planted in raised planters interspersed with trees planted directly on the ground (with tree grate); use of planters vs. tree grates to be influenced by surroundings (for example, a thin sidewalk may not easily accommodate a planter, while a wider sidewalk would)
- Evaluate feasibility of reconfiguring Burlington Ave as a one-way street

HIGHLIGHTS

- Consider usage of banner sign on Tower Green to promote community events
- Consider improvements to stair-step curbs (can be difficult for seniors to maneuver)

