



**Options for Honoring and Memorializing the Distinguished Life, Achievements, and Legacy of Former Oak Park Resident, Dr. Percy L. Julian & Presentation on Preliminary Policy Framework for Future Candidates**

# Presentation Overview

- Background
  - Legacy of innovation, activism, and excellence
  - Feb. 6, 2024 Board direction
- Opportunities
- Dr. Percy Julian
  - Legacy
  - Opportunities for Recognition
- Framework
  - Definitions
  - Guidelines and Considerations
  - Limitations and Exceptions
  - Processes
  - Duration
  - Funding Sources
- Board Direction



# Background

- The Village has a rich legacy of innovation, activism, and excellence through connections to internationally-renowned figures in academia and sciences, arts and culture, business, media, politics, and law
- No existing process for public recognition or memorialization of these legacies
- Unique opportunity to recognize and educate the world on our exceptional and shared heritage
- Recognition may occur through installation of signs, banners, and markers, implementation of public improvements and alternative artistic expressions, and sponsorship of commemorative events



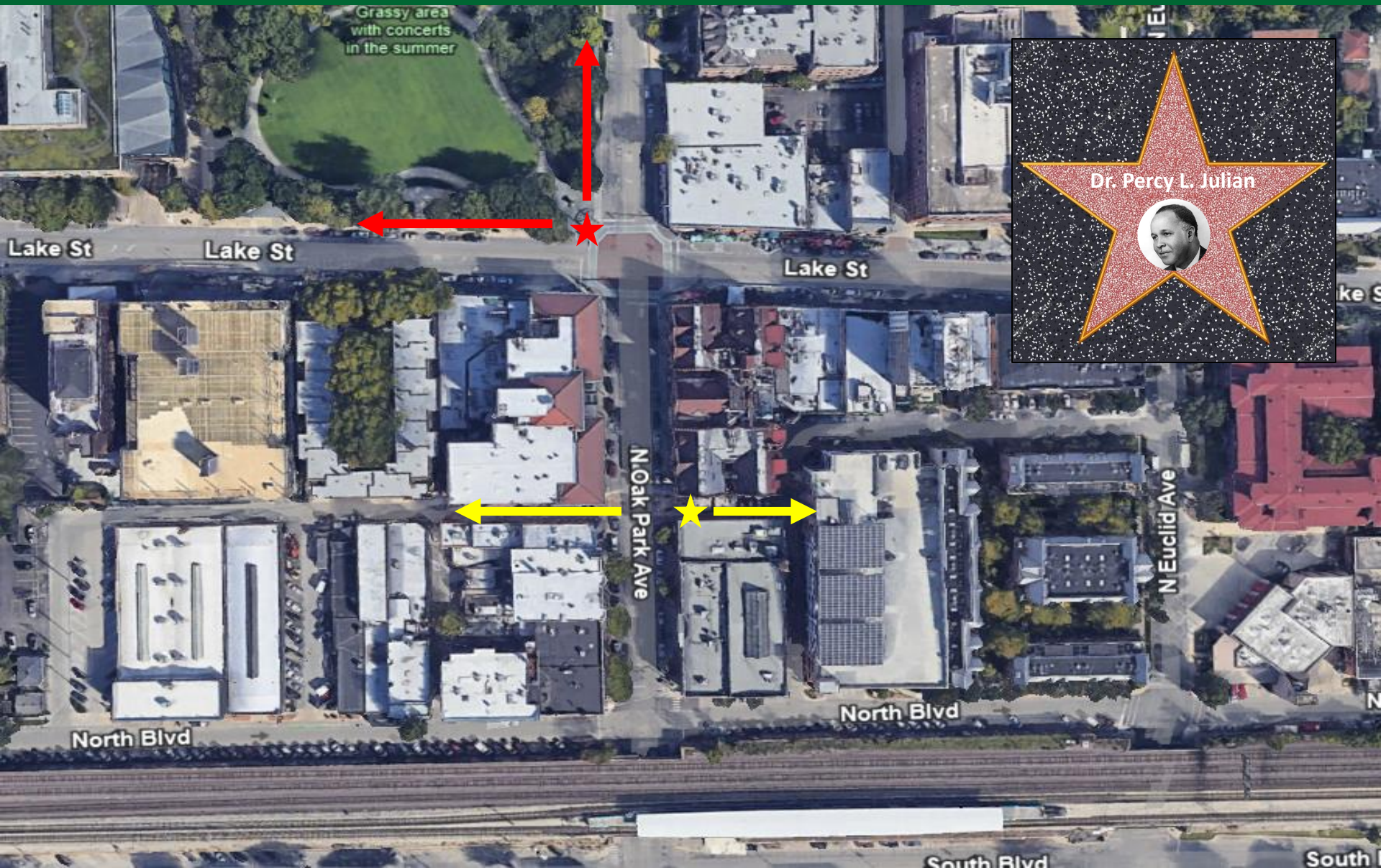
# Opportunities

- Streets and Districts
- Markers and Public Art
- Spaces and Facilities
- Landmarks
- Programmatic
- Commemorative Events

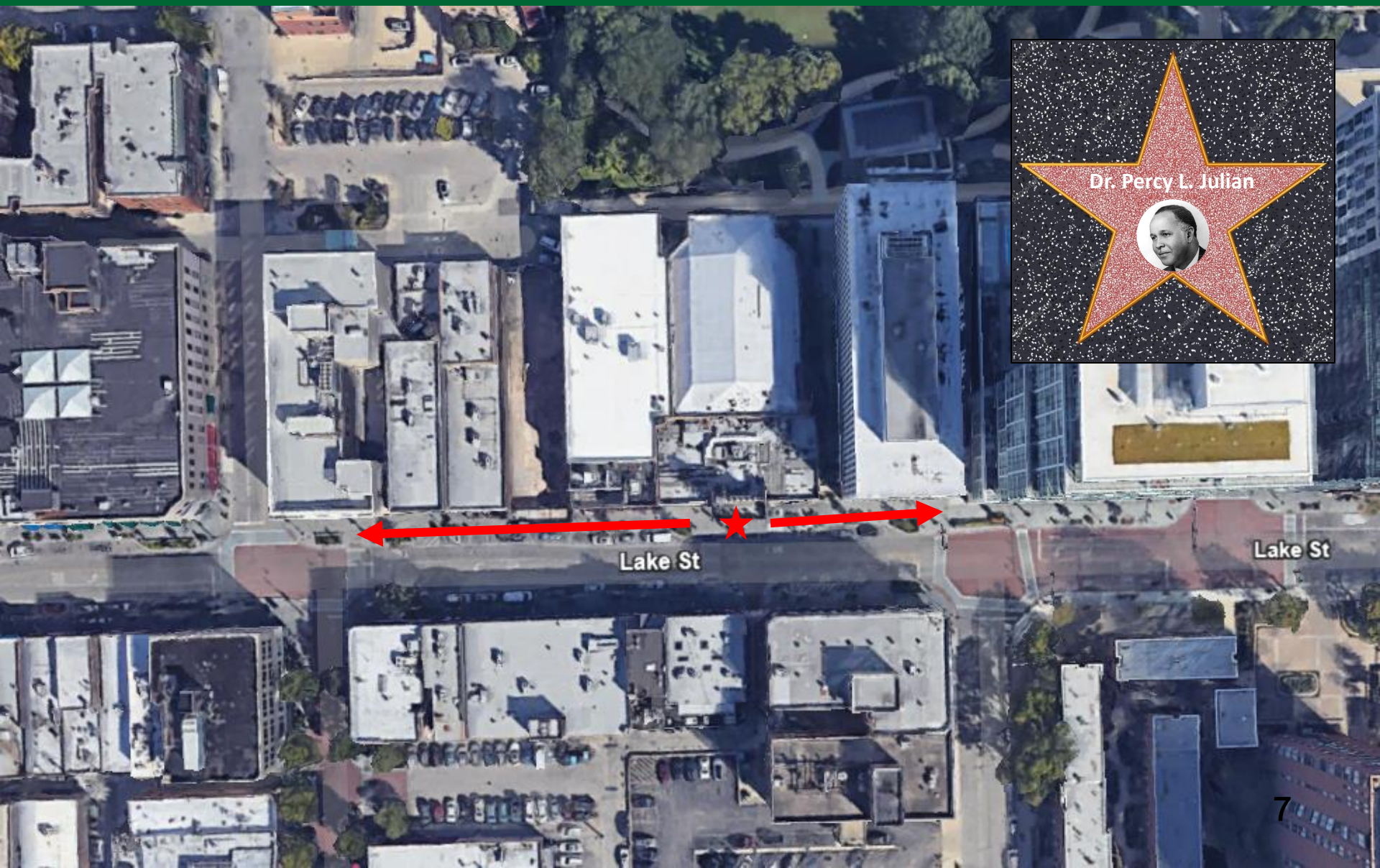
# Dr. Percy Julian

- Legacy
- Opportunities for Recognition
  - Premier D00Per Star in Oak Park Walk of Fame
  - Streetscape improvements at Chicago/East
    - Custom pedestrian lighting
    - Crosswalks
    - Banners
    - Chicago Ave. Honorary Dr. Percy Julian Way
  - Public Suggestions

# Dr. Percy Julian – OP Walk of Fame



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Lake St

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# Dr. Percy Julian – Branded Corridor



Julian Residence  
(Primary Focus Area)

Chicago at Austin  
Business District

Gateway Signage

Chicago Ave

East Ave

Ridgeland Ave

Branded Corridor

Austin Blvd

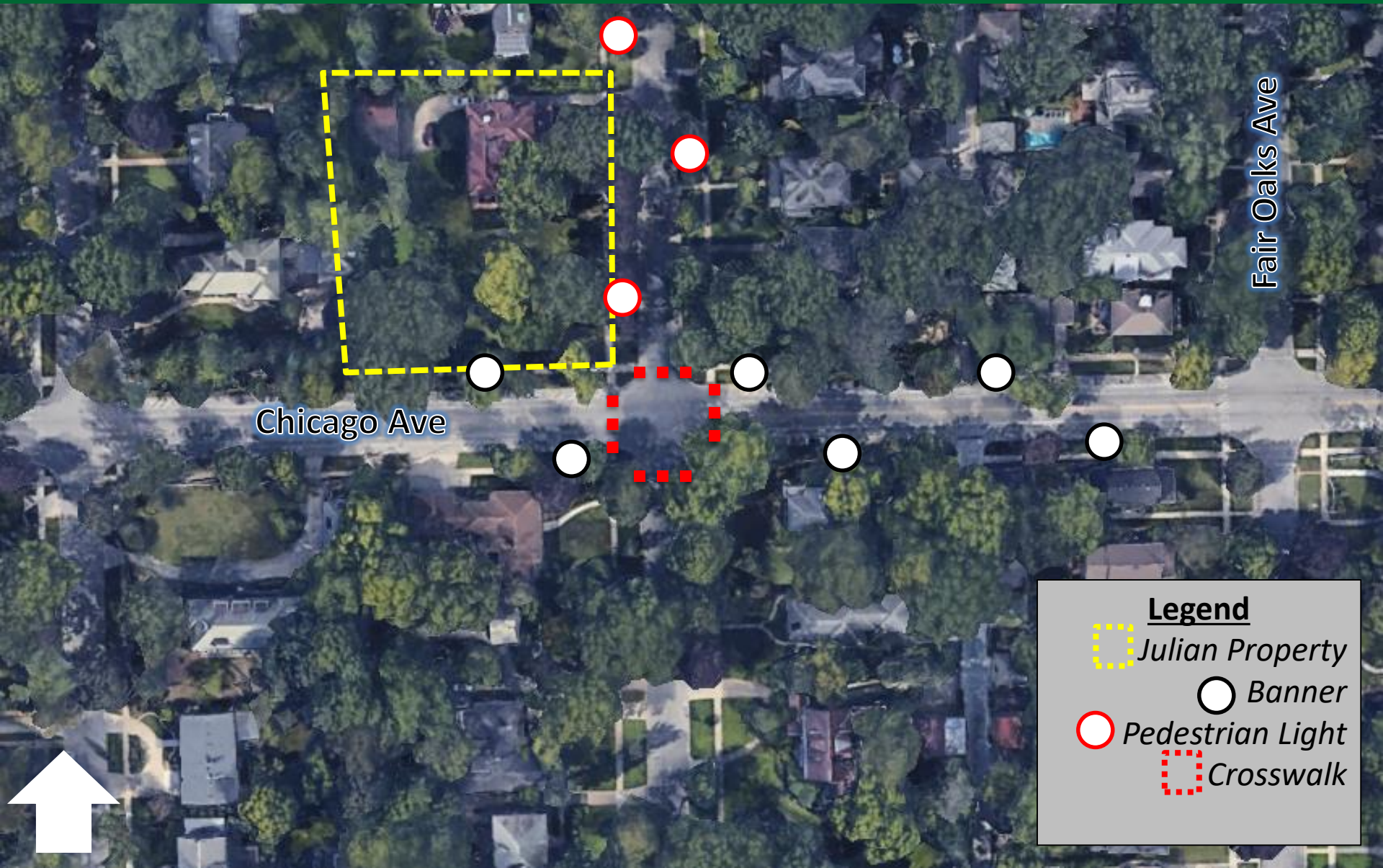
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# Dr. Percy Julian – Branded Corridor Focus Area



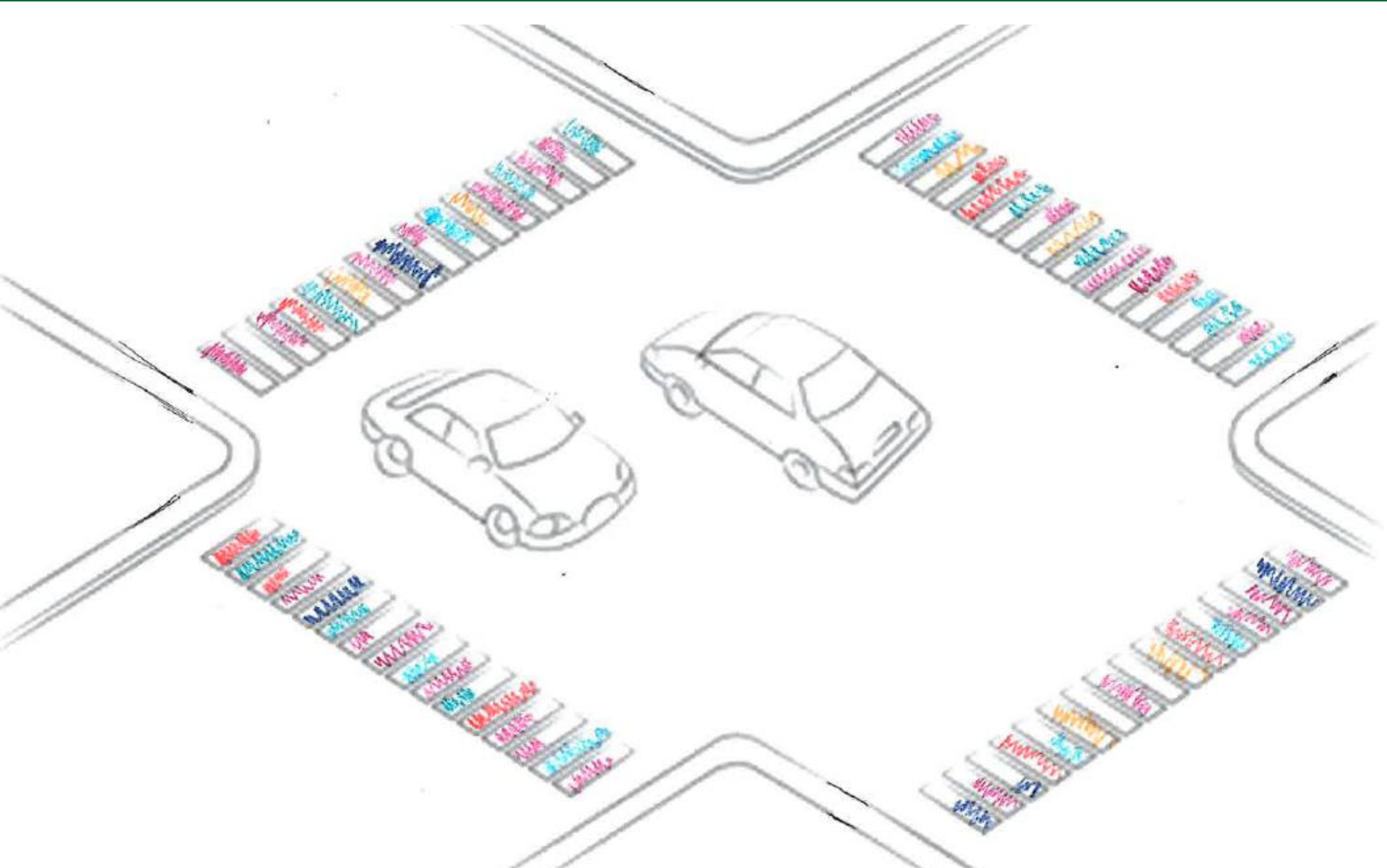
Chicago Ave

Fair Oaks Ave

**Legend**

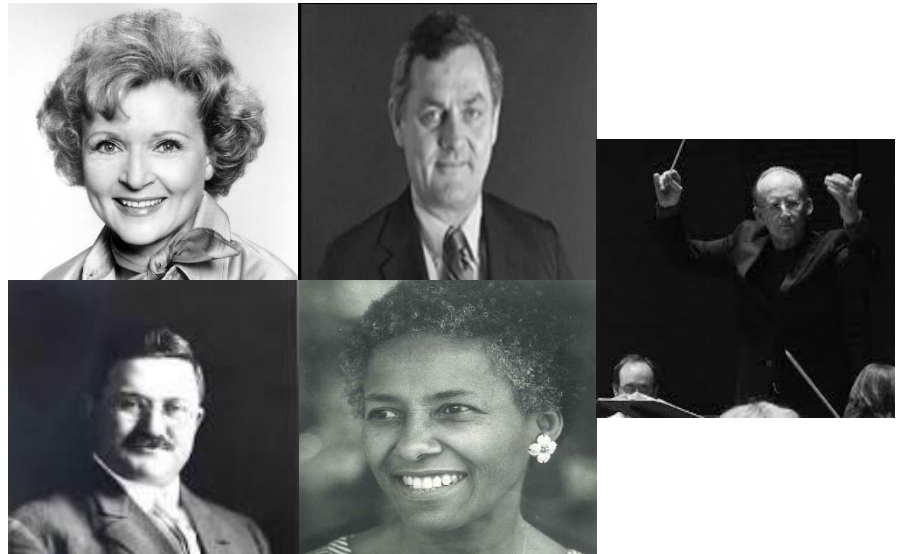
-  Julian Property
-  Banner
-  Pedestrian Light
-  Crosswalk

# Dr. Percy Julian – Branded Corridor



# Framework

- Guidelines
  - Historically significant
  - Community support
  - Recognition commensurate with achievements and contributions
- Considerations
  - Equity and inclusion
  - Connection to Village
  - Approval requirements
- Limitations and Exceptions



# Framework (cont'd)

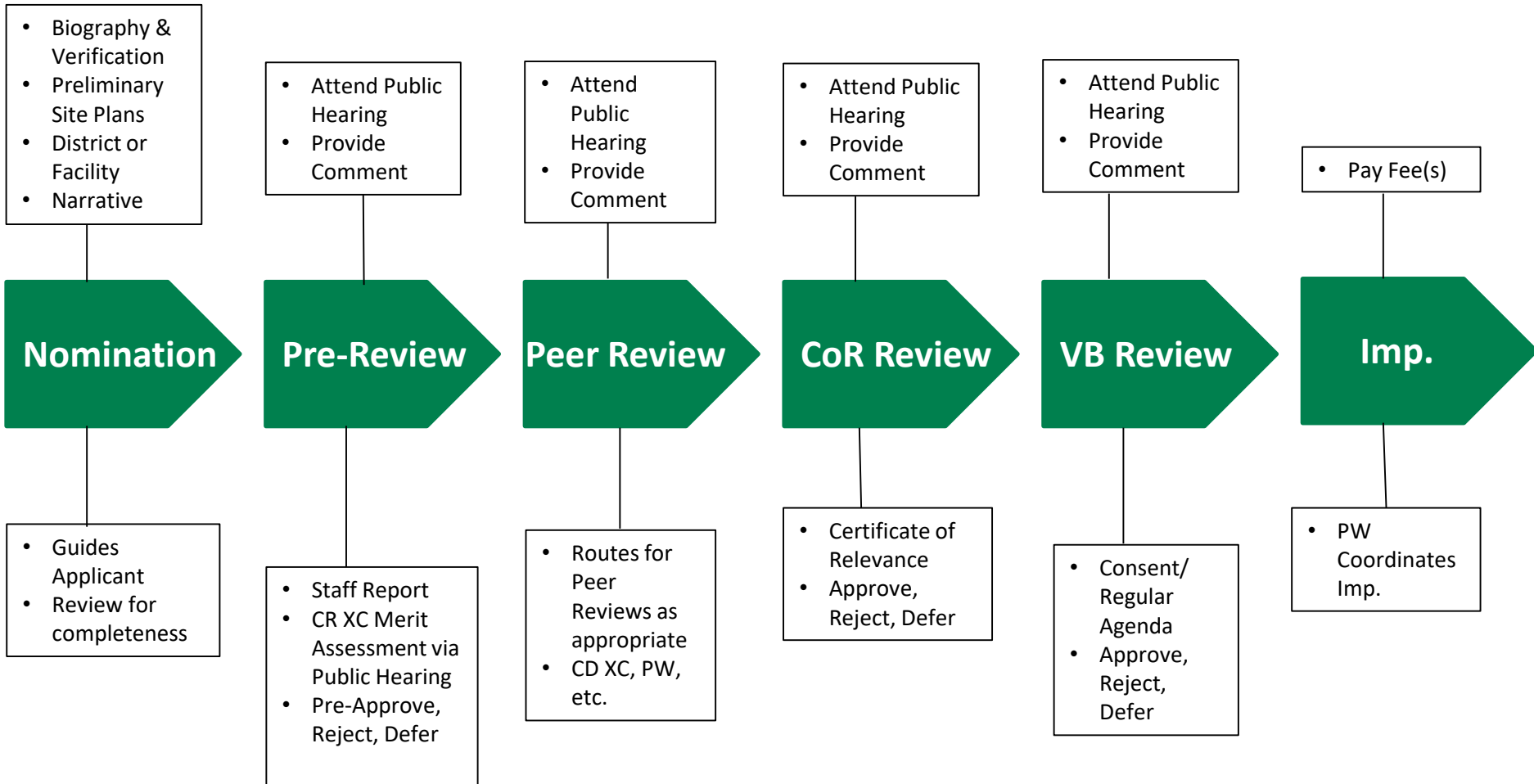
- Process and Duration
- Funding
  - Generally recommended applicant provides sources & opportunities
  - Village Board maintains authority to provide partial or full funding

Recommendation	Recommended Administration	Duration
Honorary Streets, Business Districts, & Public Facilities	Applicant/Community Relations Commission/Public Works/Village Board	Indefinite
Markers & Public Art	Applicant/Community Relations Commission/Historic Preservation Commission/Oak Park Area Arts Council/Public Works/Village Board	Indefinite
Public Improvements	Applicant/Community Relations Commission/Transportation Commission/ Oak Park Area Arts Council/Public Works/Public Works/Village Board	Indefinite
Commemorative Events & Exhibits	Applicant/Community Relations Commission/Village Board/Special Events Process	One-time
<b>Historic District</b>	<b>Applicant/Community Relations Commission/Village Board/Historic Preservation Commission/Village Board</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>
<b>Landmarks</b>	<b>Applicant (Property Owner)/ Historic Preservation Commission/Village Board</b>	<b>Indefinite</b>

\*Green cells are existing processes

# Framework – Honorary Streets, Districts, Facilities

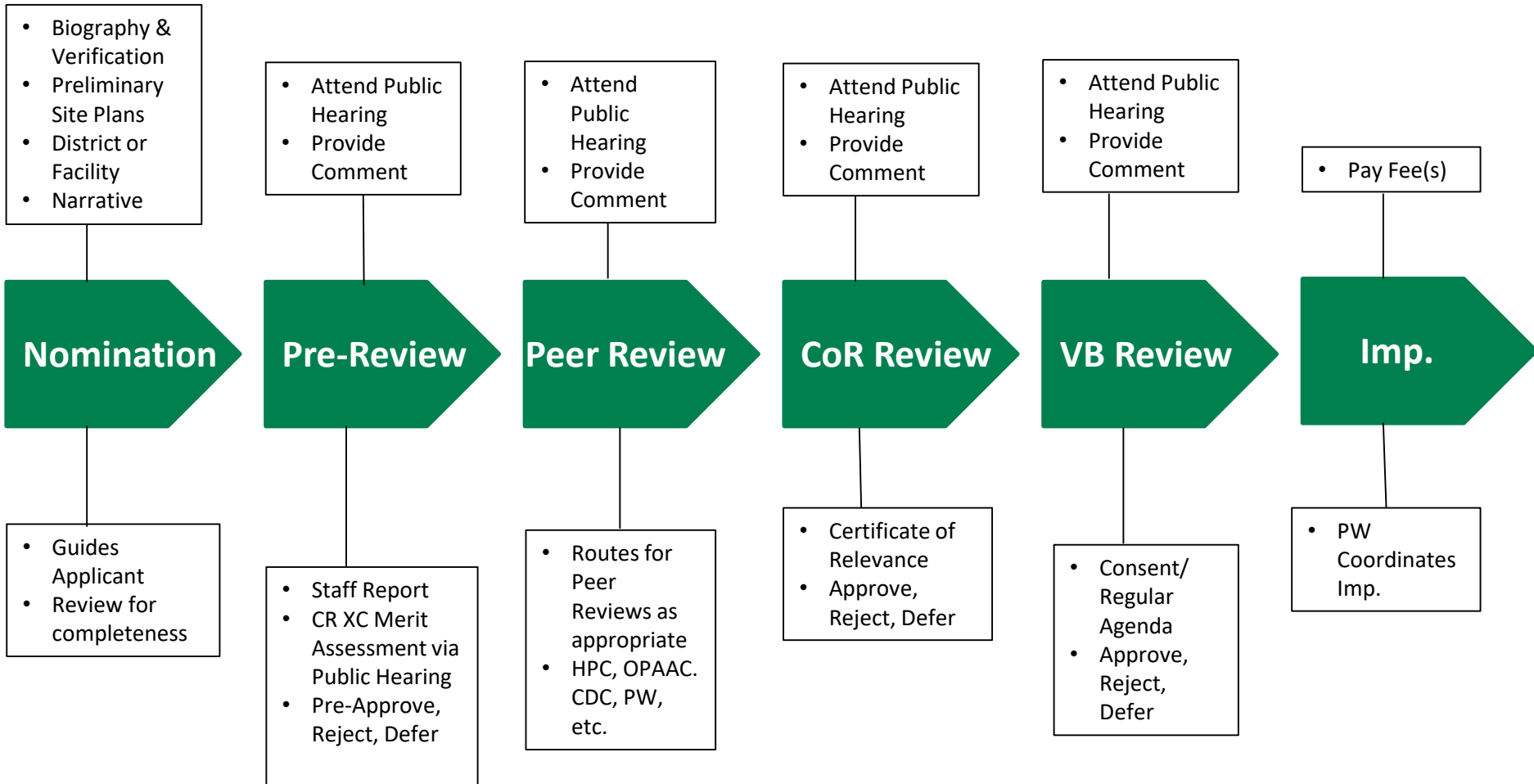
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# Framework – Markers & Public Art

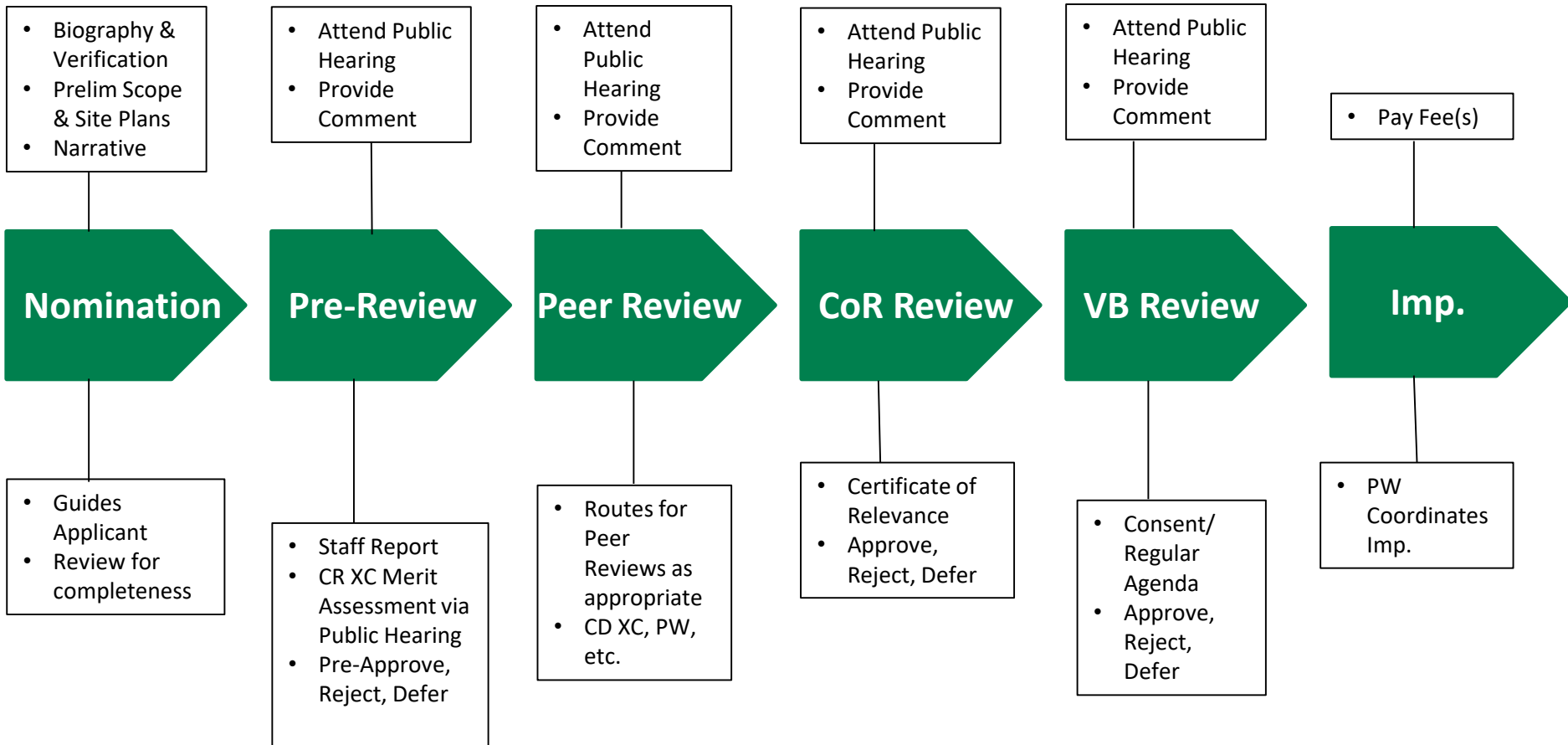
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# Framework – Public Improvements

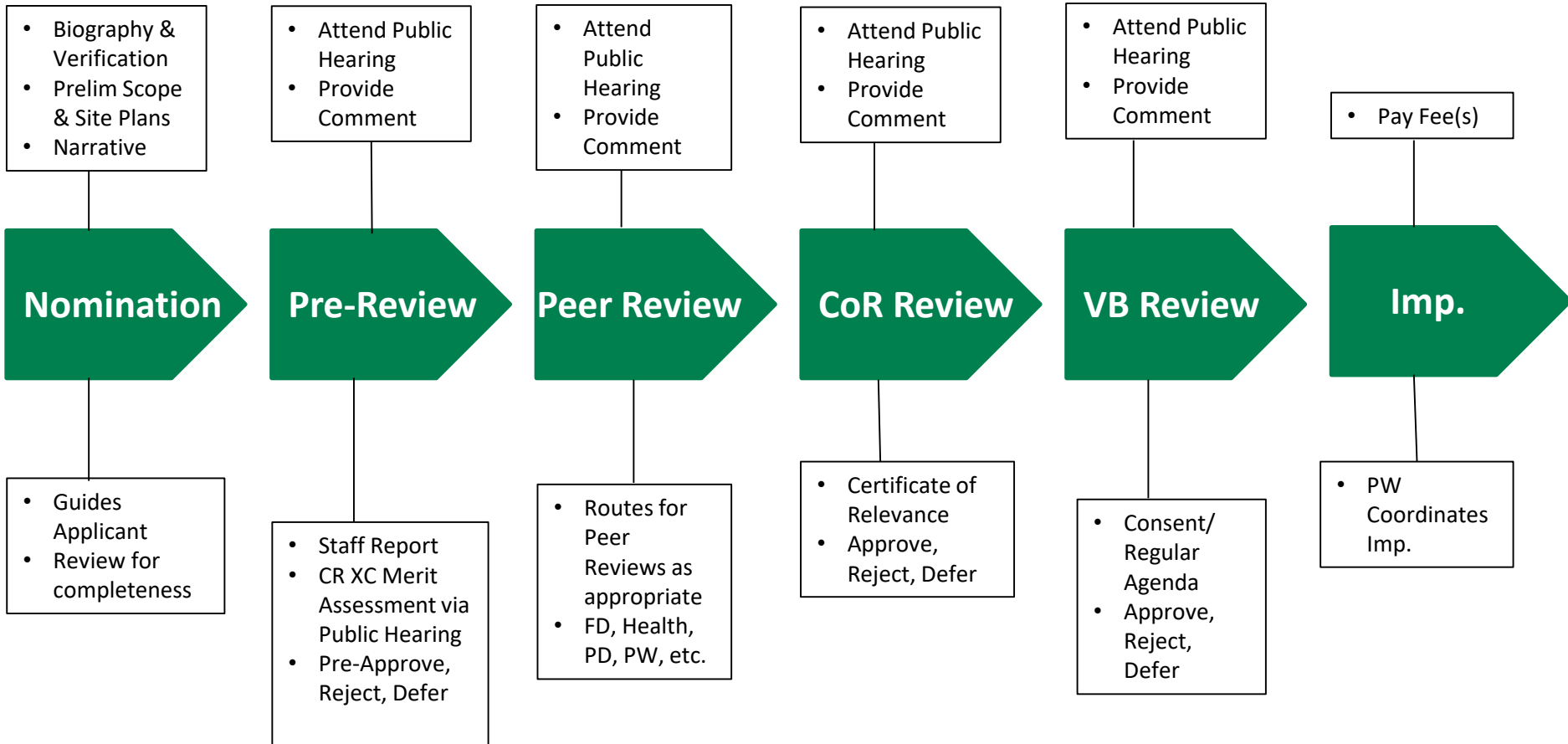
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# Framework – Programmatic & Events

Applicant



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# Board Direction

1. Provide direction on means to publicly recognize Dr. Percy Julian
2. Provide feedback policy framework to standardize the assessment protocol for this agenda item

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