

PHILADELPHIA
**PARKS &
RECREATION**



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY:

An Action Plan

Community Meetings

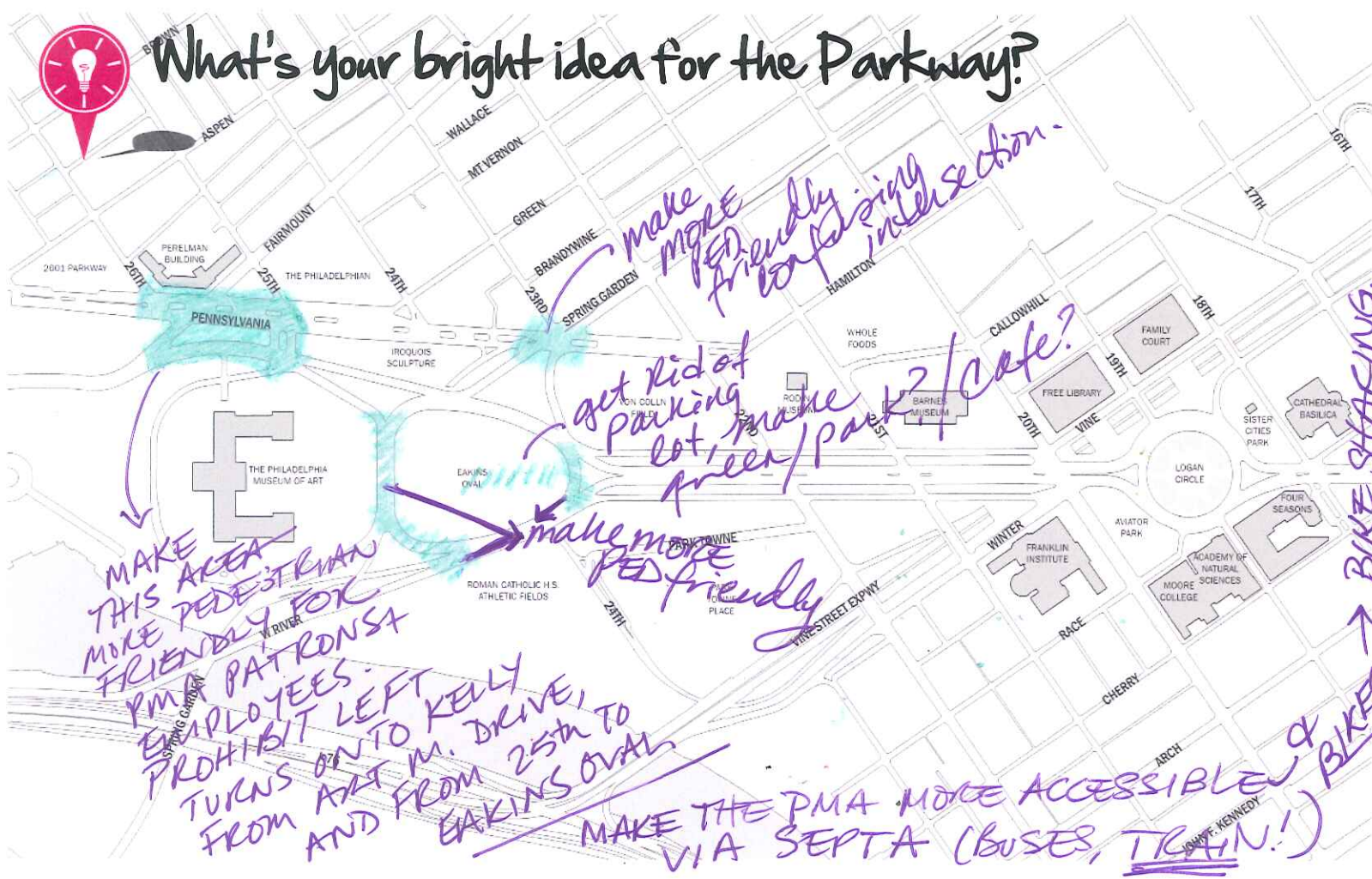
Community Feedback

July 30th -
Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church

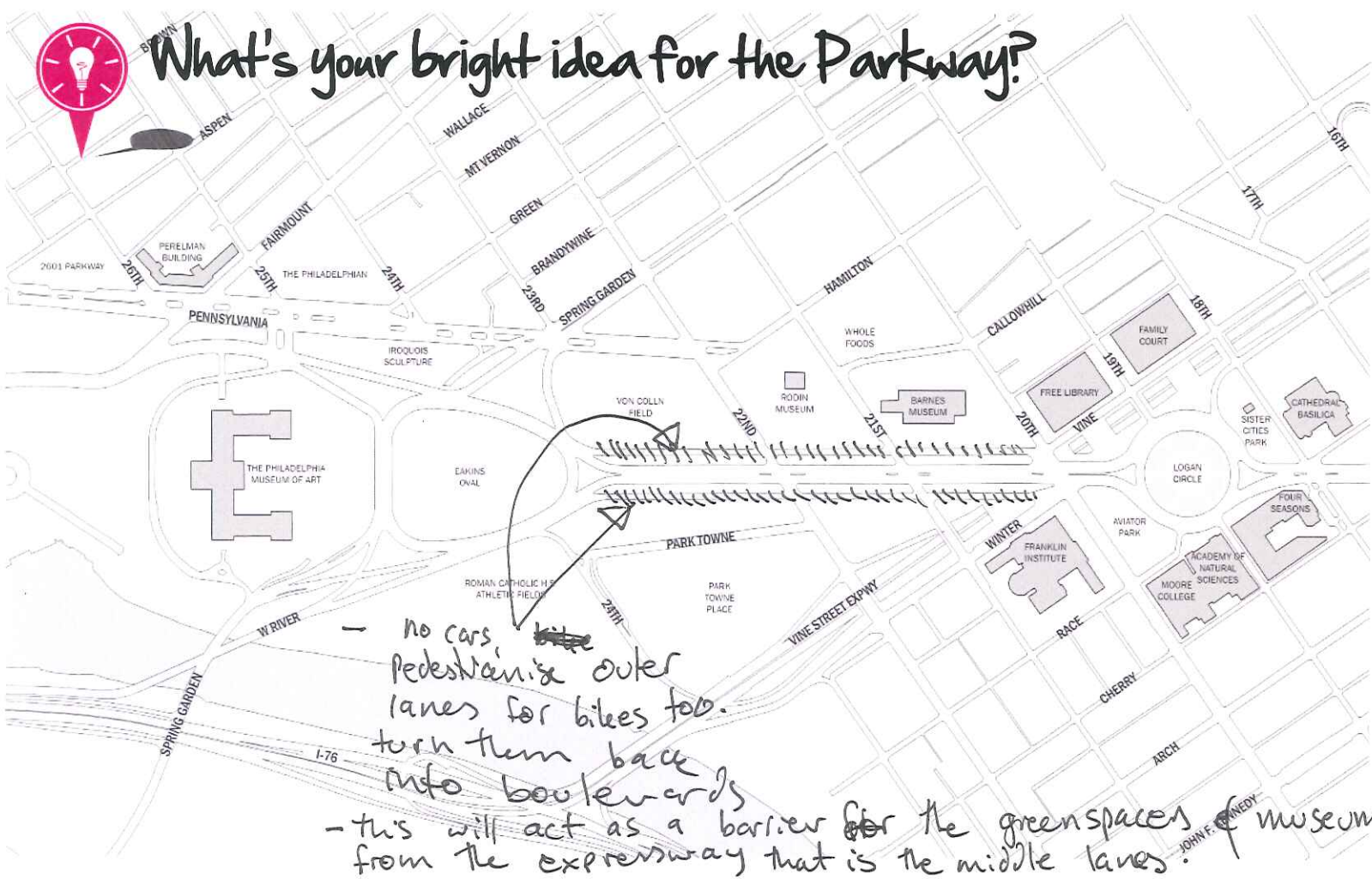
July 31st -
Next American City
Storefront for Urban Innovation



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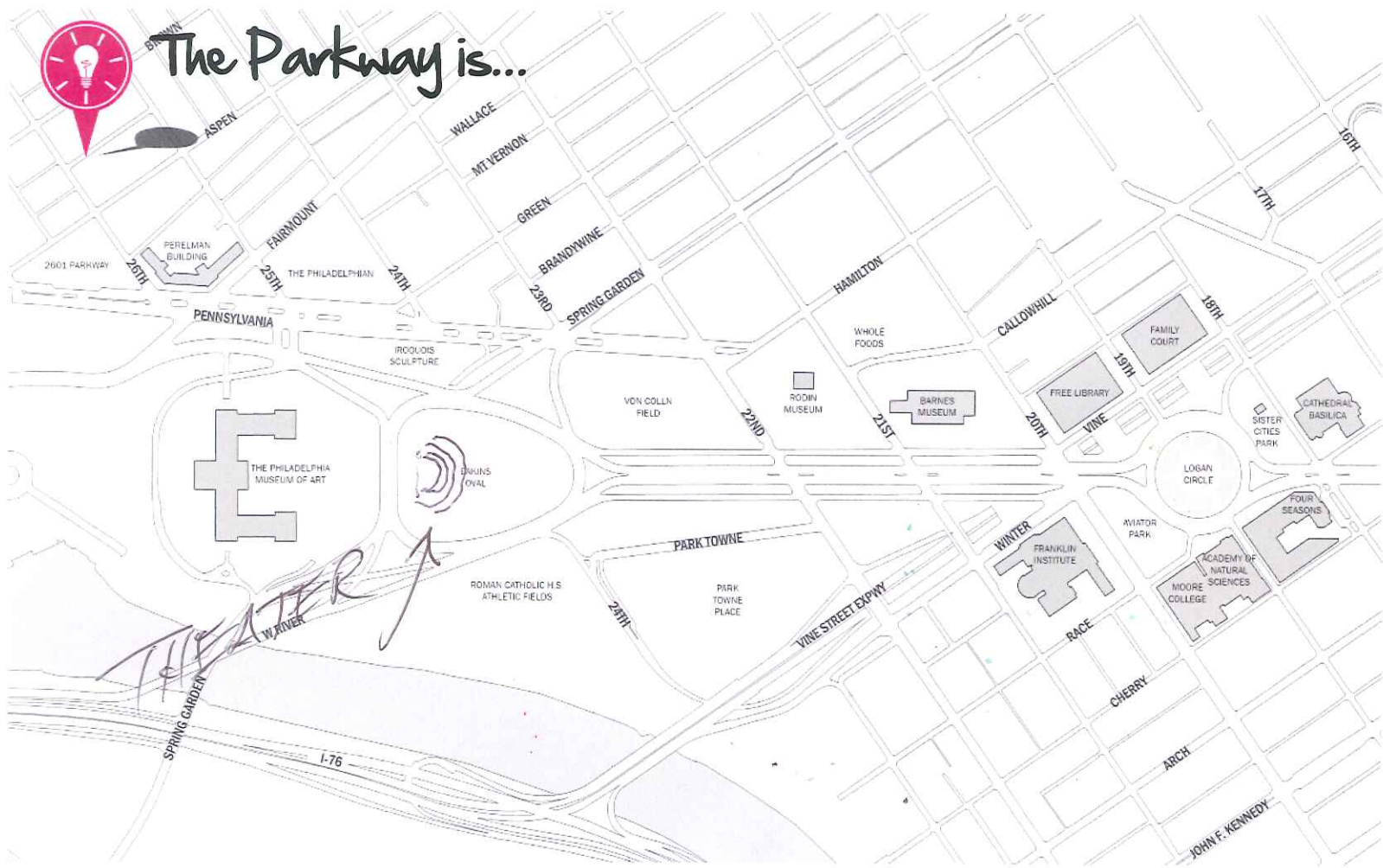


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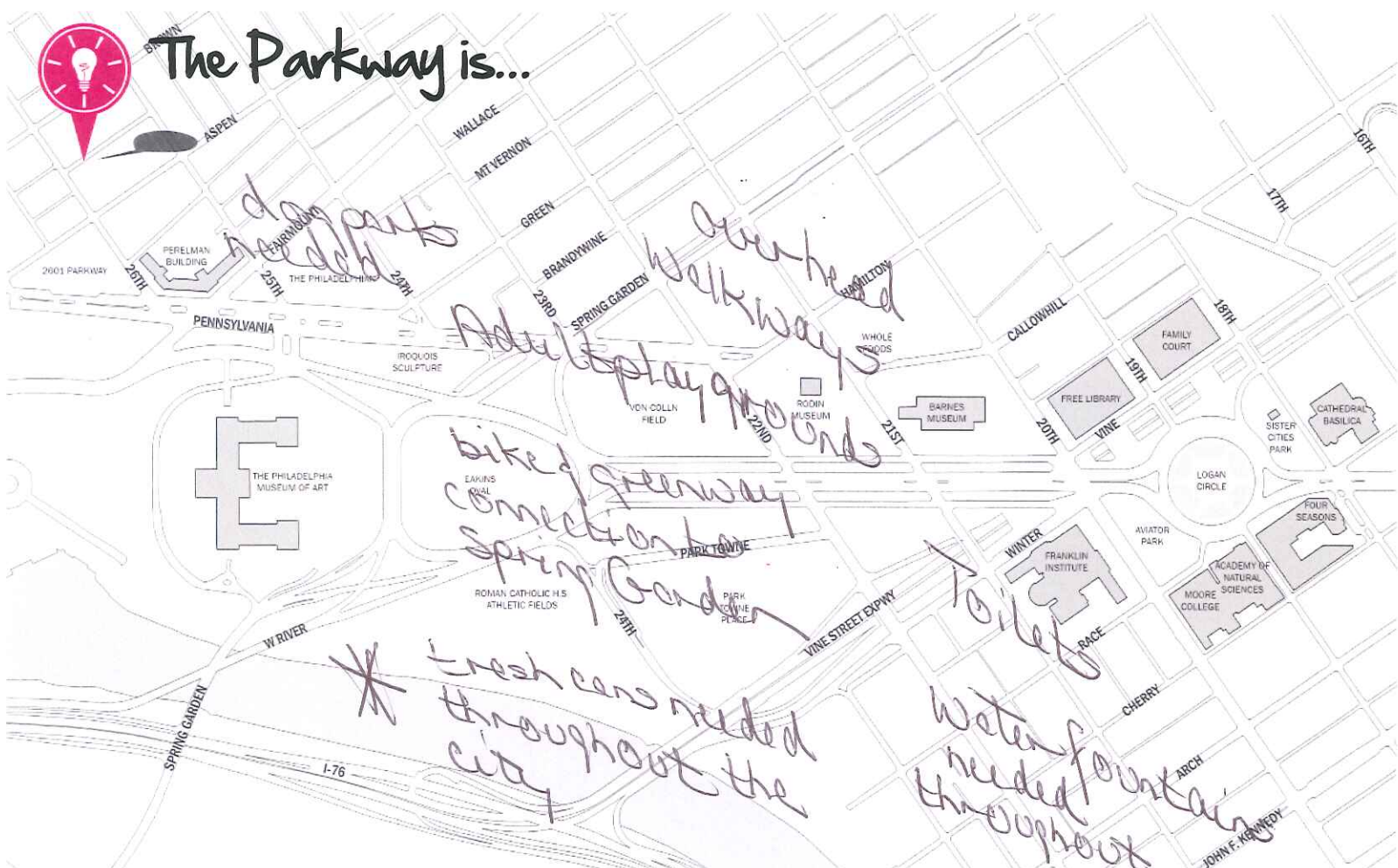




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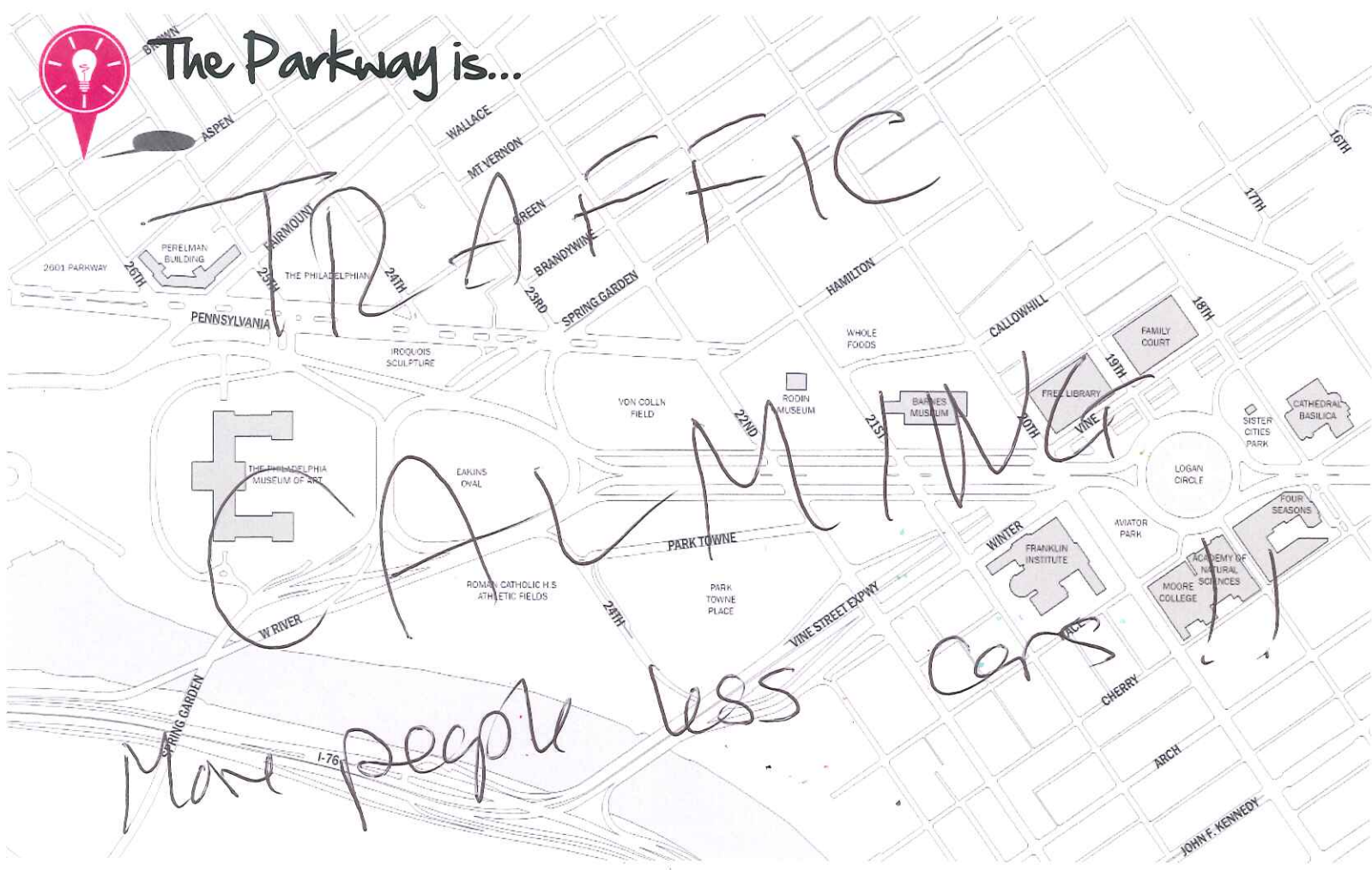


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What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

IMPROVE PBD ACCESS

PLEASE!!

- DO NOT TURN PARKWAY INTO THEMEPARK. IT IS CEREMONIAL, DIGNIFIED, COHERENT, & MONUMENTAL. SOME CALM & EMPTY AREAS ARE OK!
- BE WARY OF NOVELTY & PIECEMEAL. EMBRACE TIMELESS VALUES... RESPECT ITS DESIGN.
- DON'T NEED ALL RECREATIONAL USES HERE. USE REST OF FAIRMOUNT PARK FOR THIS

REGULATE BATTING CAGES & PARKING ON THE FIELD @ 6PM THAT PARENTS OF BALL PLAYERS OF RUTS & RUBAR ON EDGE OF FIELD CLOSE TO 23RD ST. SIDEWALKS

NECESSARY SEASONAL USE IS SOMETIMES ABUSIVE TO THE PARK'S INFRASTRUCTURE

METAL SPIRES IN GRAND VINE WASH BATTING CAGES REMOVED ARE DANGEROUS.

HOW TO BALANCE SPORTS W/ CIVIC BEAUTY OF PARKWAY?

ITS OK THAT IT TAKES 2 LIGHTS FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS PARKWAY... IT IS MONUMENTAL

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What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

Keep it open and green

Class is!

No development

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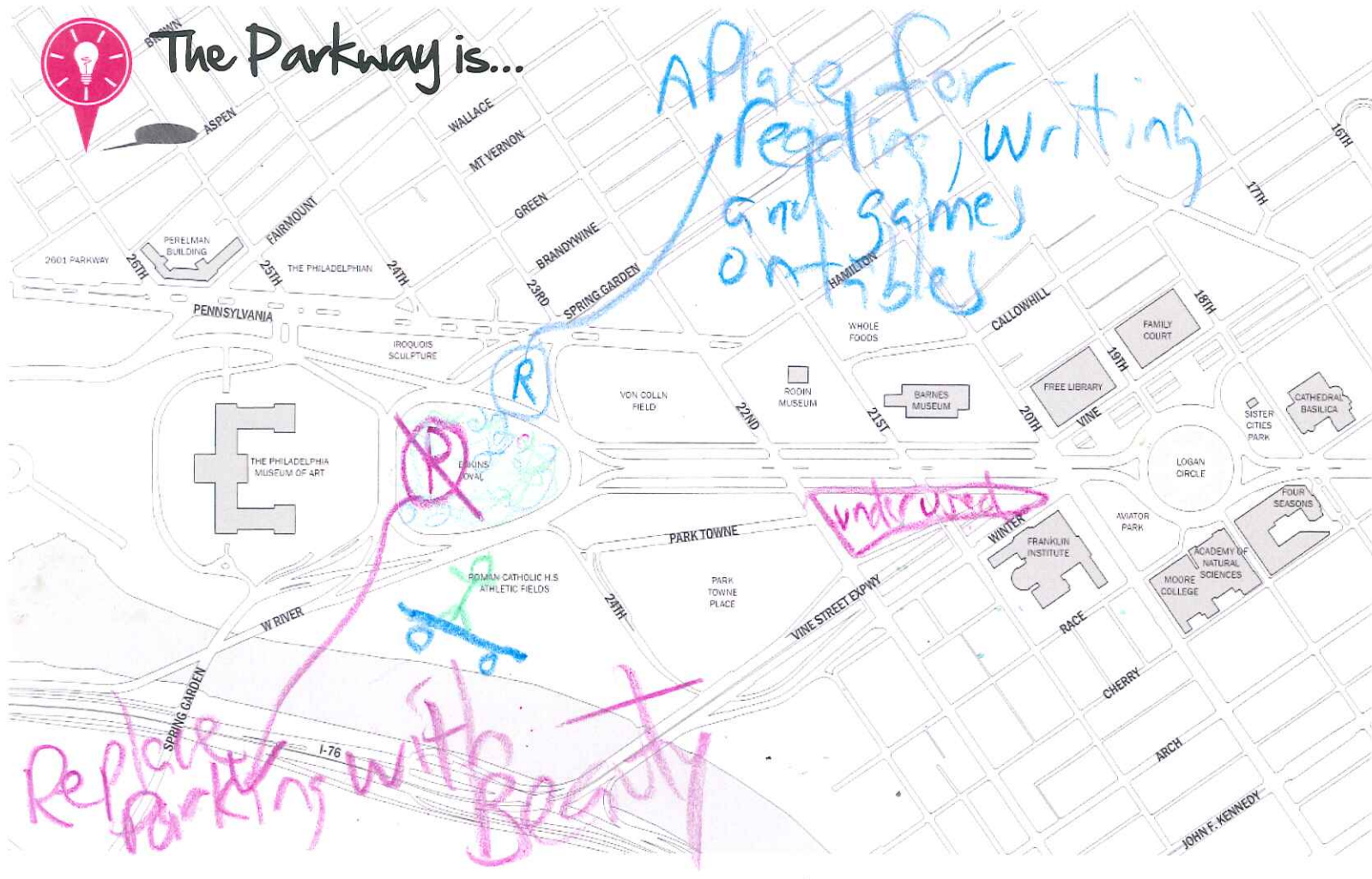


The Parkway is...

A place for reading, writing and games on tables

Replace parking with beauty

Underused



What's your bright idea for the Parkway?



move parking underground or get rid of it

Pedestrian bridge for Kelly to connect river to park

"City Branch" Rail

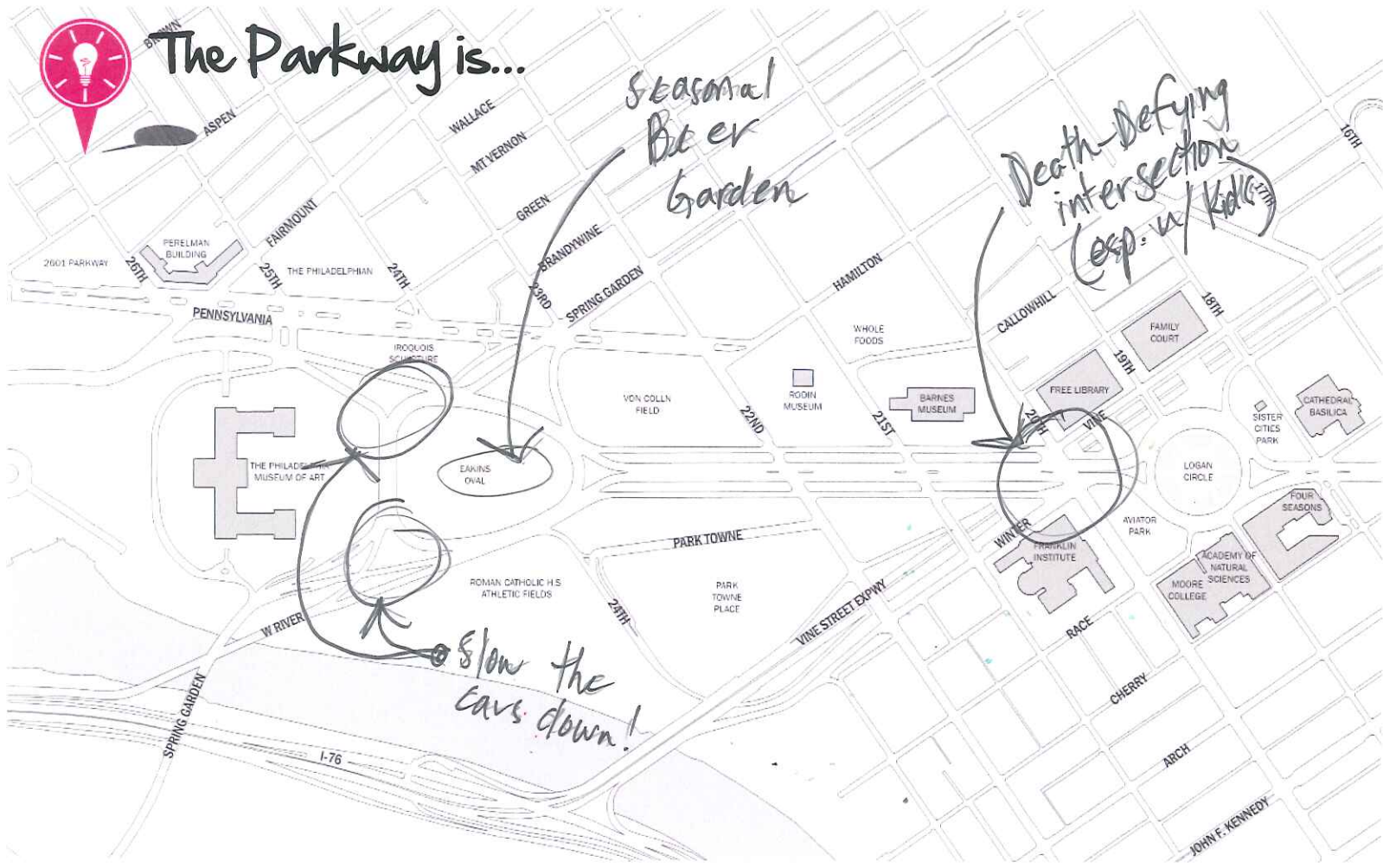
Broad

Hamilton
Callowhill

Zoo



The Parkway is...



The Parkway is... inconsistent. You

never know what to

expect when you go there. Will

it be jammed w/ traffic: walk-a-thons

or quiet and desolate?



What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

! Please improve 23rd / Penna Ave / Spring Garden intersection

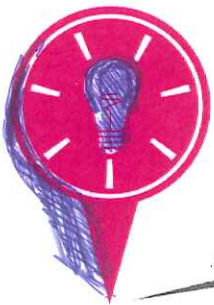
① Remove tunnel access to I-76 (not necessary)

② Remove diagonal parking on PA Avenue

③ Add pedestrian crosswalks. (signalized)

④ Widen width of Spring Garden St. median to act as a better "island of refuge" while crossing ~~the~~ Sp. Garden Street.

⑤ replace sidewalks, benches on Penna Avenue

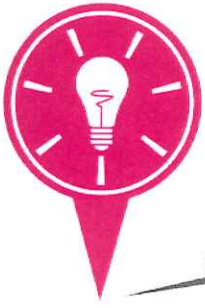


What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

① NO PARKING AT EAKINS OVAL!

INSTEAD, DEVELOPE A LUXEMBOURG GARDEN STYLE SEATING AREA ON EAKINS OVAL AROUND THE FOUNTAIN: GRAVEL PATHS, TREE LINED LANES & MOVABLE GARDEN CHAIRS. HAVE AN ELEGANT KIOSK OR TWO SELLING SODA, WATER, COFFEES, ICE CREAM ETC. THIS WILL CREATE A NICE RESTING AND ~~AND~~ RECHARGING SPACE BETWEEN MUSEUMS.

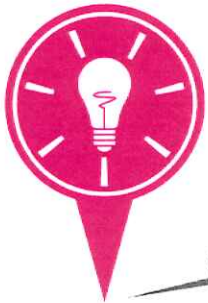
② DESIGN A BEAUTIFUL & ELEGANT WOODEN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO SPAN THE ROAD BETWEEN THE PMA AND EAKINS OVAL - FACILITATING FLOW & ~~PEDESTRIAN~~ ~~FOR~~ ~~ALL~~



What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

→ passive recreation, restaurants w/ indoor / outdoor seating

→ better parking areas



What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

- Get rid of parking

- Reduce cross-sectional area for cars

- Promote development of small retail / restaurants

- Close oval in front of art museum - can tunnel be converted to two-ways?



The Parkway is... a beautiful boulevard
that's currently used as a freeway.

Not a destination - except for institutions
and Sister Cities Park



The Parkway is...

POP UP INSTALLATIONS,

PLACES TO SIT - ~~MAKE~~ IT

MORE OF A PLACE.

DEAL WITH CONGESTION,

MAKE IT EASIER TO CROSS!



What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

Pool - water work ~~at~~ 5 lanes - 10 AHS

Bike Specific Lights - ~~baggage~~ B's

Garbage Cans

Love Park

Open Passes - User friendly

Pediatric Baggage B's (5 lanes)

~~Plays to~~ B's

Public Cans

Plays

Dedicated Bike + Pedestrian Traffic Lights



The Parkway is...

• Have special Phlash buses to the Parkway from other neighborhoods.

• Bike racks!

• Use Wayfinding signs (for restaurants)

• Creating walking circuits for neighborhood people

• Audubon program on the Parkway during migration

• Annual kid event to have historic games played from the period of when the Parkway was built.

• Annual Ben Franklin kite contest! (with Franklin Institute)

• Close Parkway for bike safety clinic



The Parkway is...

great for tourists
not residents. Need "State Law
Yield to Pedestrian" signs at
crosswalk / blinking lights.

Put out tables & chairs in front of
library so people can chill out w/
laptops and library books.

★ Traffic light at 22+ winter,
Dangerous to bicyclists since motors
pull out when making right-turn

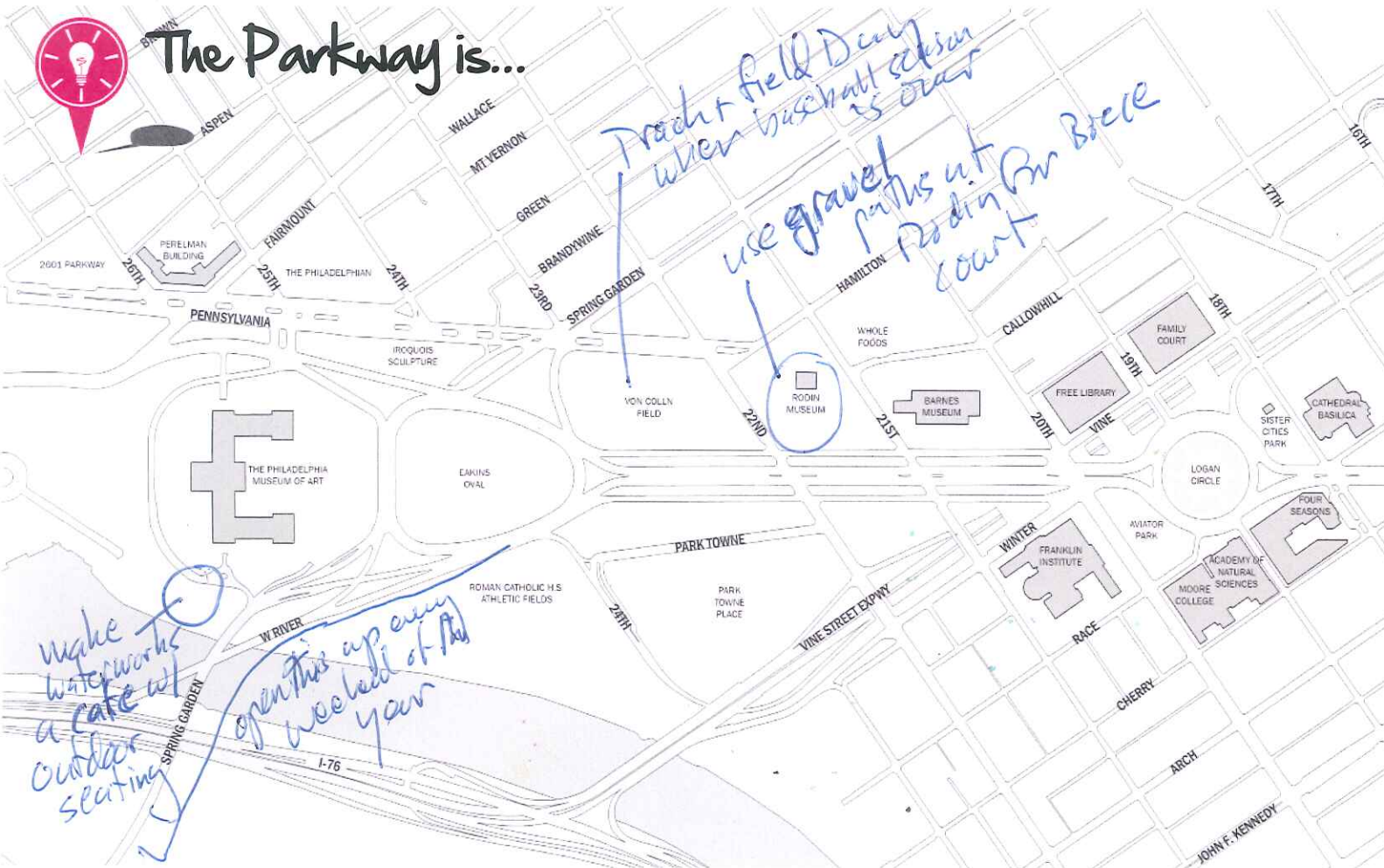


The Parkway is...

a great civic space with
a fantastic potential but also chronic
underuse. Let's use it more and
not only for parades & concerts. How
about after-hours? When the museums
close their doors, there are still buses
running on routes that pass the Parkway &
there are still parking spaces available to
be filled. There aren't many activities or
spaces to visit, so that is the key to
activating the space & allowing people to take
full advantage of the design that exists.



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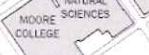


Track + field Dec when baseball season is over

use gravel paths at Rodin + Barnes

make water works a cafe w/ outdoor seating

open this up every weekend of the year



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WHOLE FOODS

21ST

HAMILTON

CALLOWHILL

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VINE

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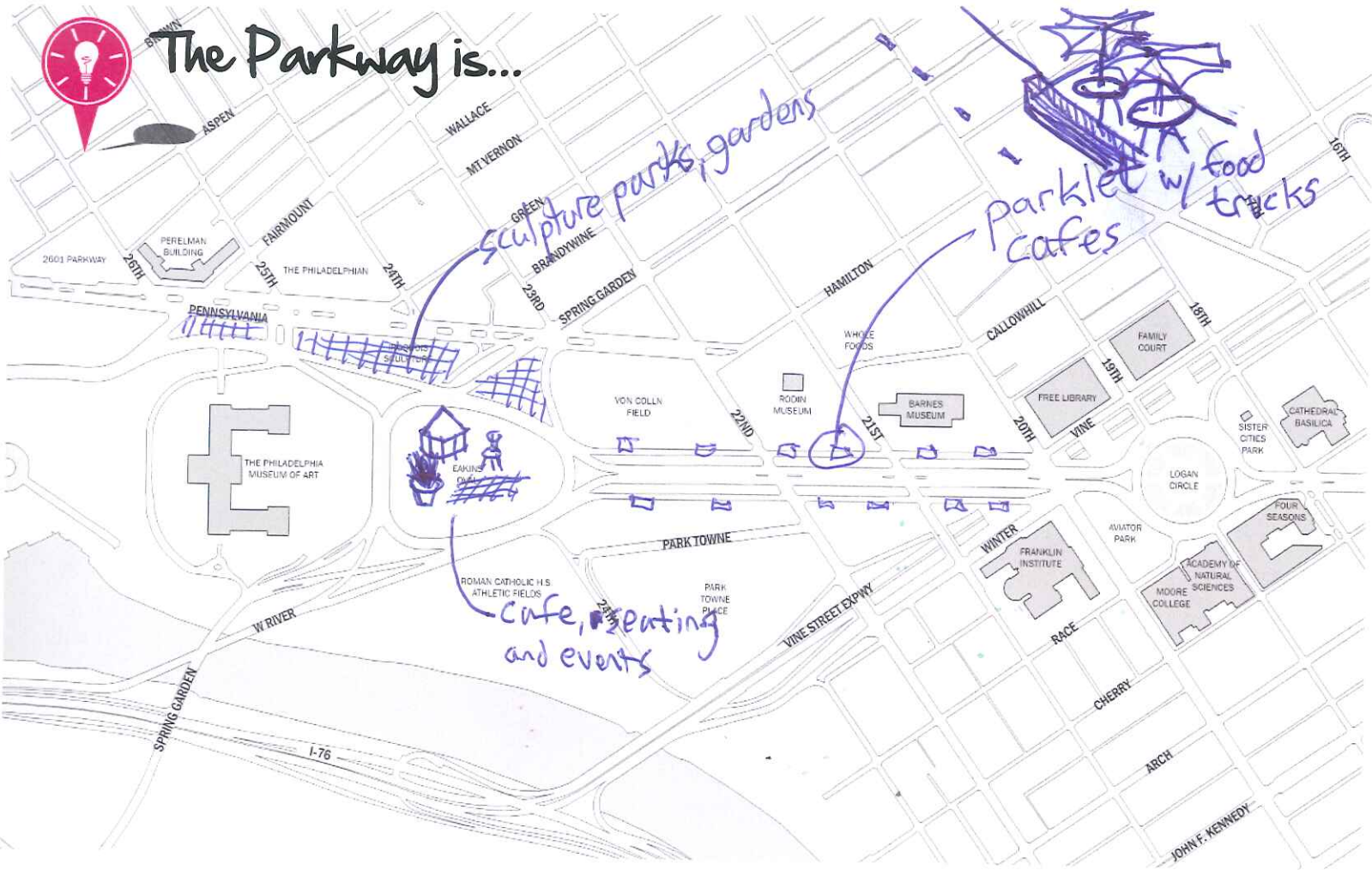
The Parkway is...

Open up west river drive year round
for cycling - don't close at Sweet
Briar at noon.

- Limit charity events which
upend parkway vibe -



The Parkway is...



sculpture parks, gardens

parklet w/ food trucks cafes

cafe, seating and events

ASPEN

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The Parkway is...

① Parklet sidewalk cafes for food trucks using parking spaces or lanes or lawn.

② Seating and hardscaping at eakin's oval parking lot.

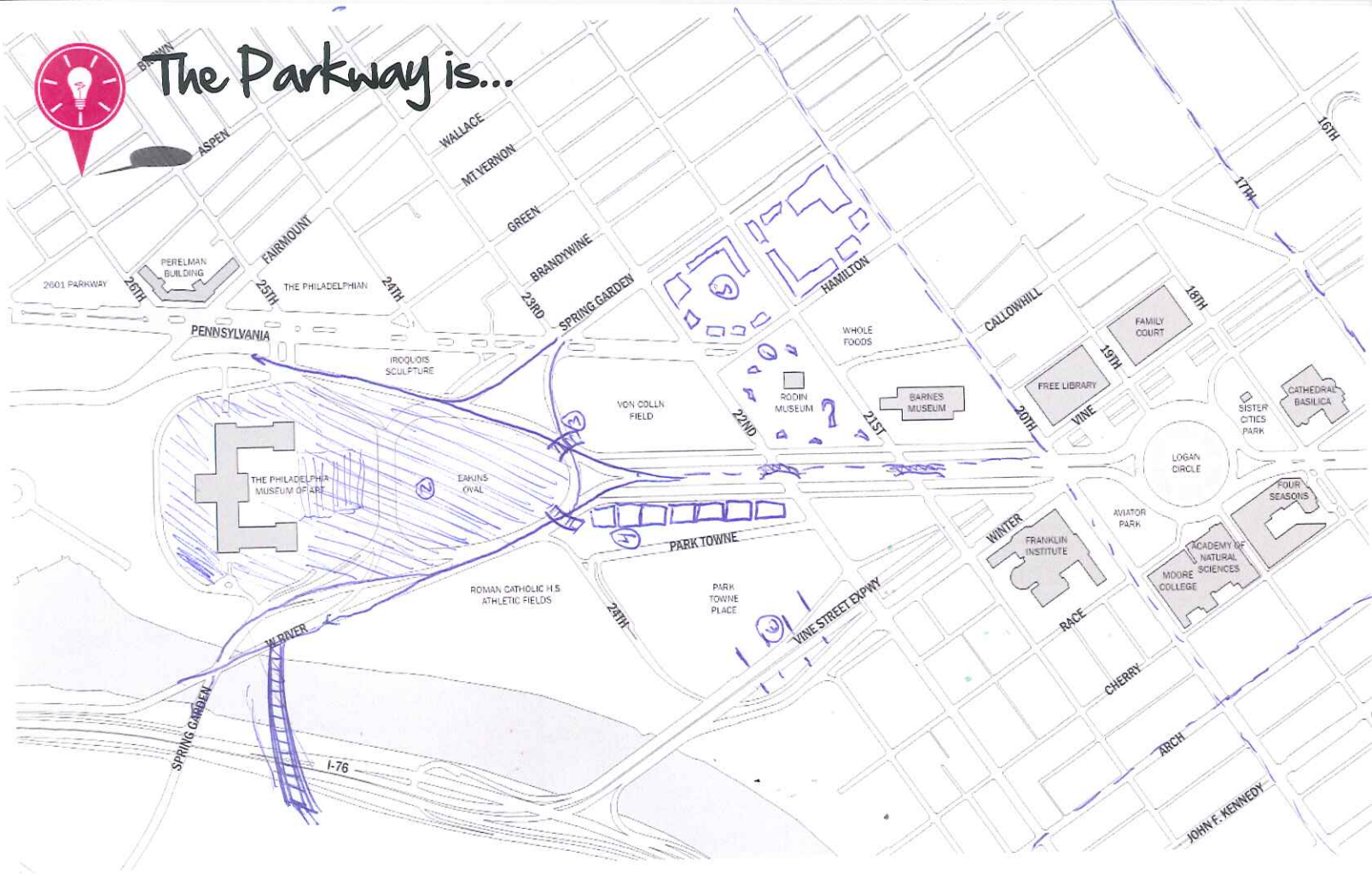
③ More play spaces for families

④ More sculpture parks and garden spaces

⑤ Outreach pavilions from museums or used for markets



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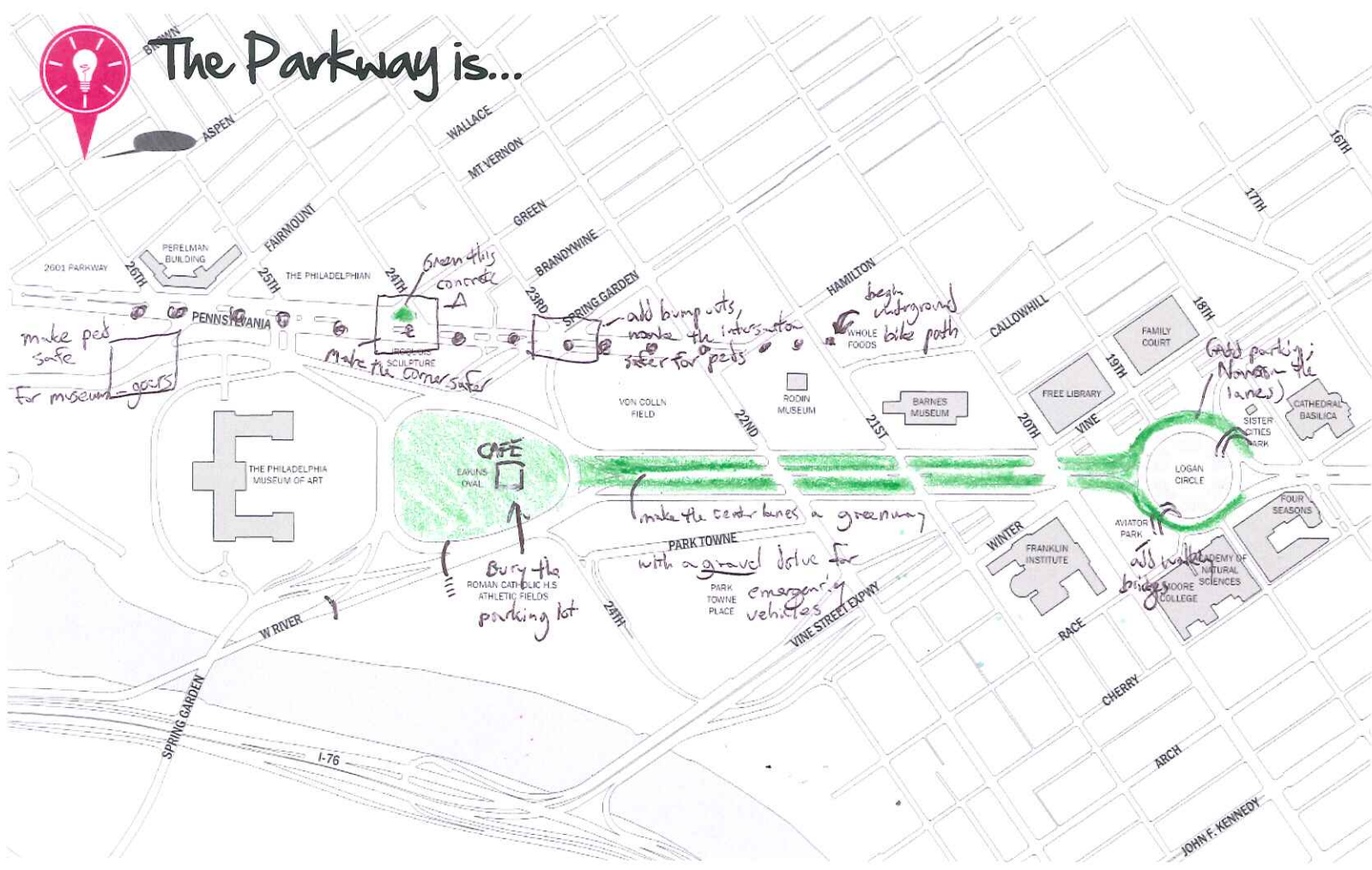


The Parkway is...

- ① make Rodin museum more inviting and accessible maybe create public sculpture garden which is open during off hours and has more of a street presence.
- ② Redirect traffic so Eakins oval and museum are connected. Use larger space to screen films and host small concerts
- ③ pedestrian foot bridges Internet
- ④ Retail frontage
- ⑤ activate surrounding areas, the
- ⑥ make park town place apartments more pedestrian accessible
- ⑦ create trolley or streetcar system



The Parkway is...



make ped safe for museum-goers

Green this concrete

add bump outs, make the intersection safer for pets

begin underground bike path

bury the Roman Catholic H.S. athletic fields parking lot

make the center lanes a greenway with a gravel drive for emergency vehicles

add parking; narrow the lanes

add bridge



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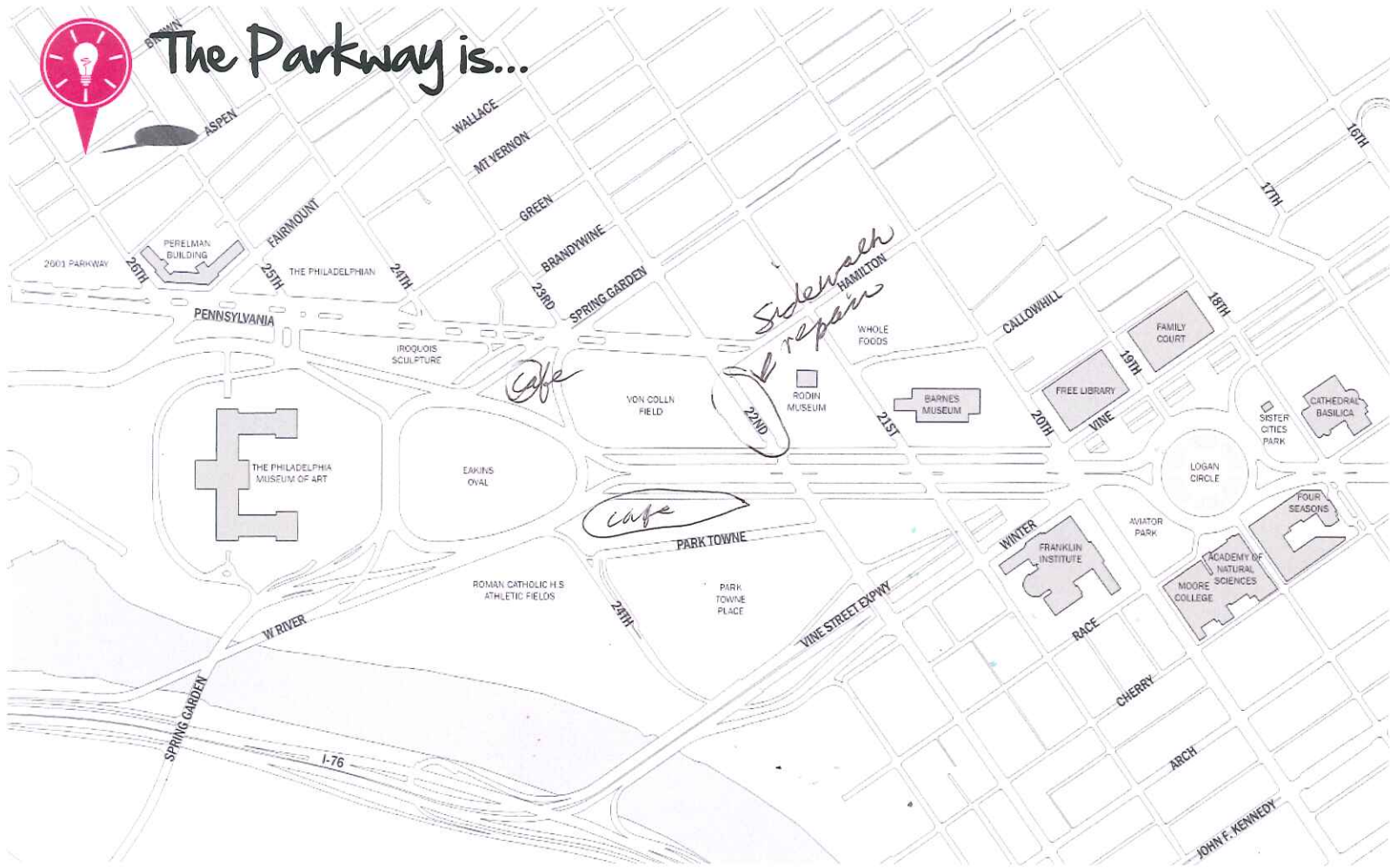
Shakespeare

Bike paths / Railroad path into WF

get green bits glued together



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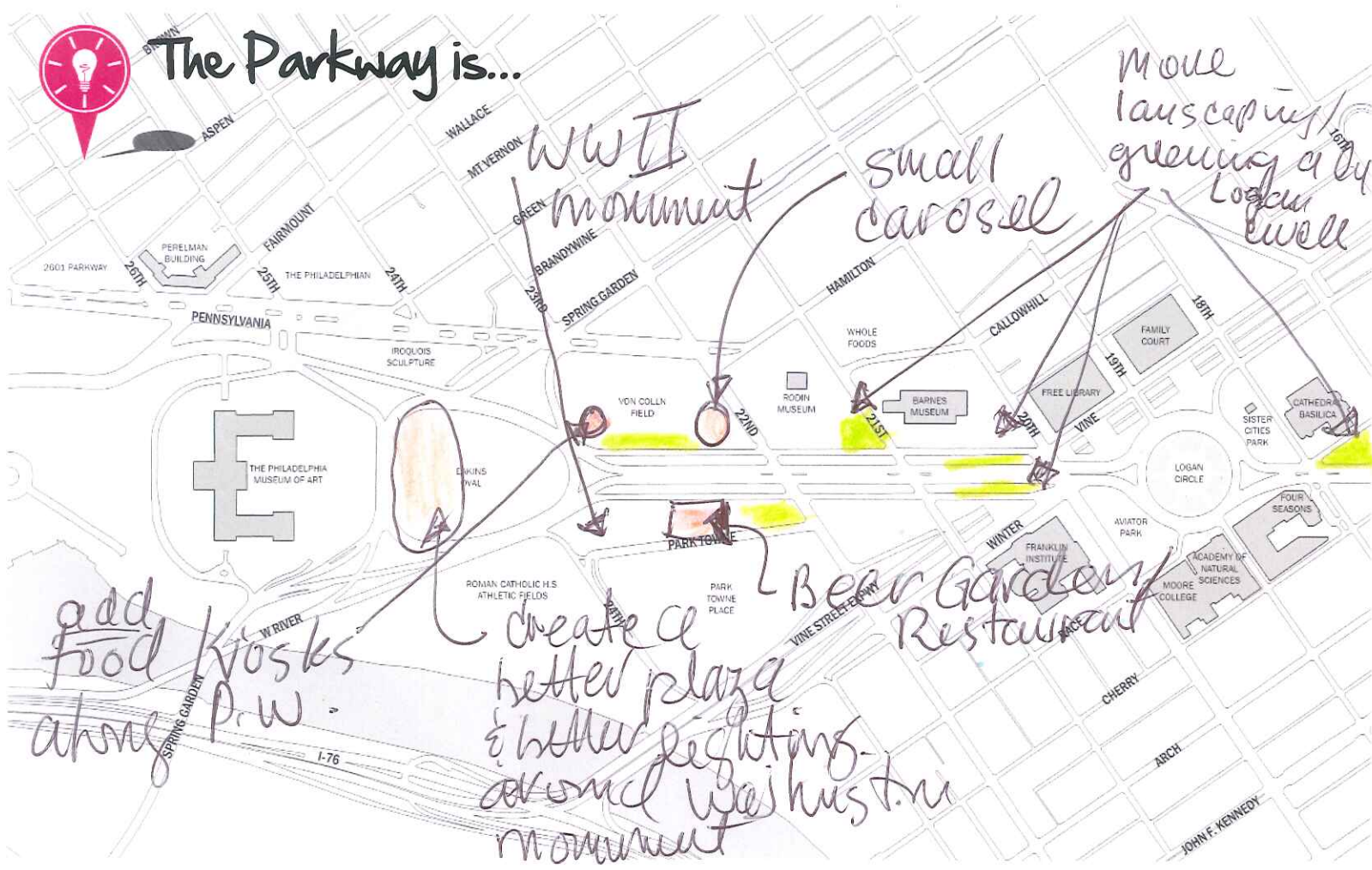




- ① The Parkway is... great, but needs a
cafe near the Brit Museum (see
circled areas for potential sites for
cafes). ② repair sidewalks bt
Parkway and Pennsylvania St -
③ improve ~~protecting~~^{walking} across Parkway
safety.
④ Build toilets along Parkway



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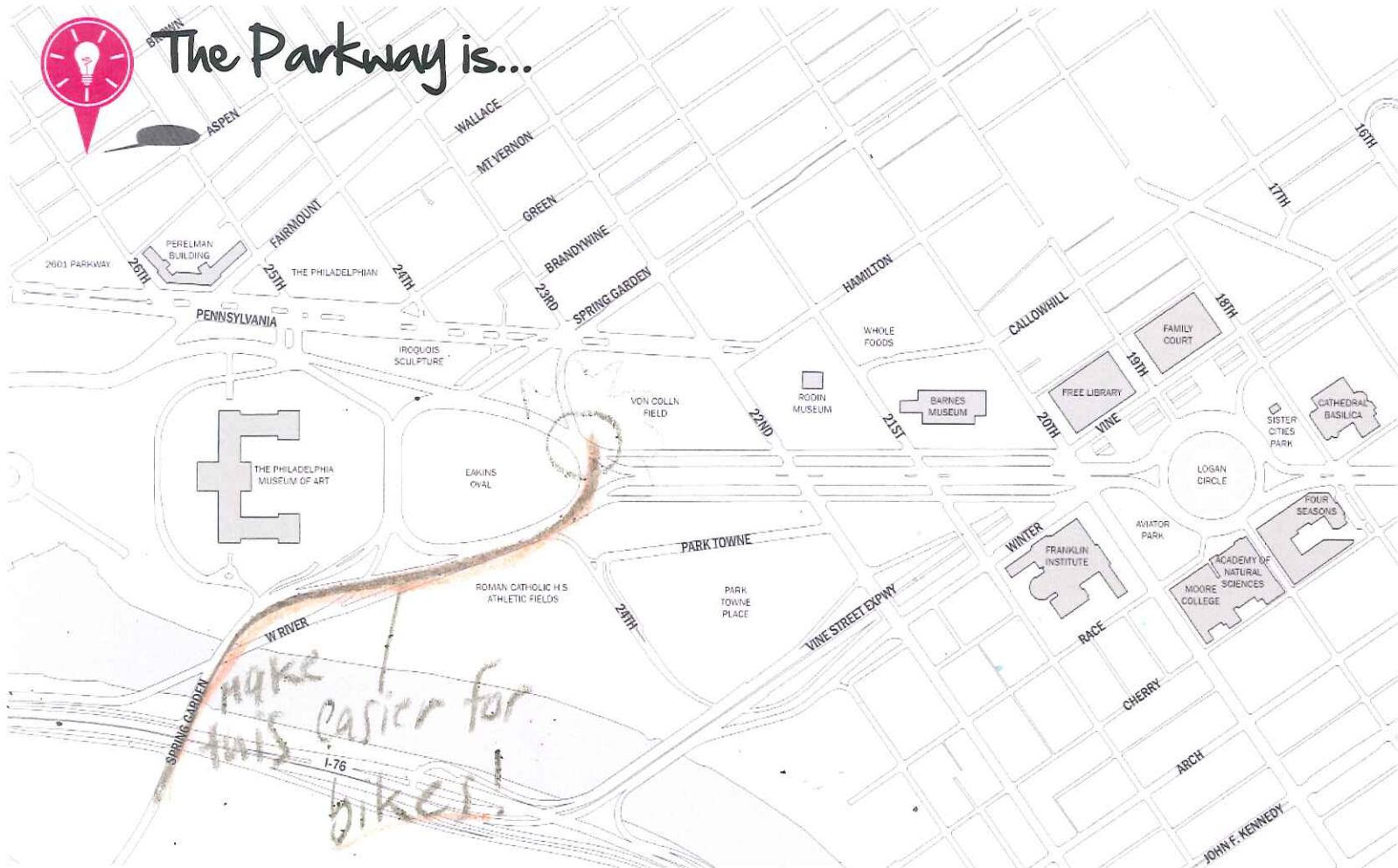


The Parkway is...

getting better. recent sidewalk replacement project helped. Clearly more people are using the P.W. as an area to walk and enjoy -- add more landscaping in the fashion of the Swan fountain / Sister Cities park. To connect the P.W. from City Hall to Art Museum (i.e. Kopernicus plaza): add several food kiosks that are architecturally appealing to allow for easier access to food and to add interest to space. Re-pave the area around Washington Statue to create a real plaza.



The Parkway is...



make this easier for bikers!
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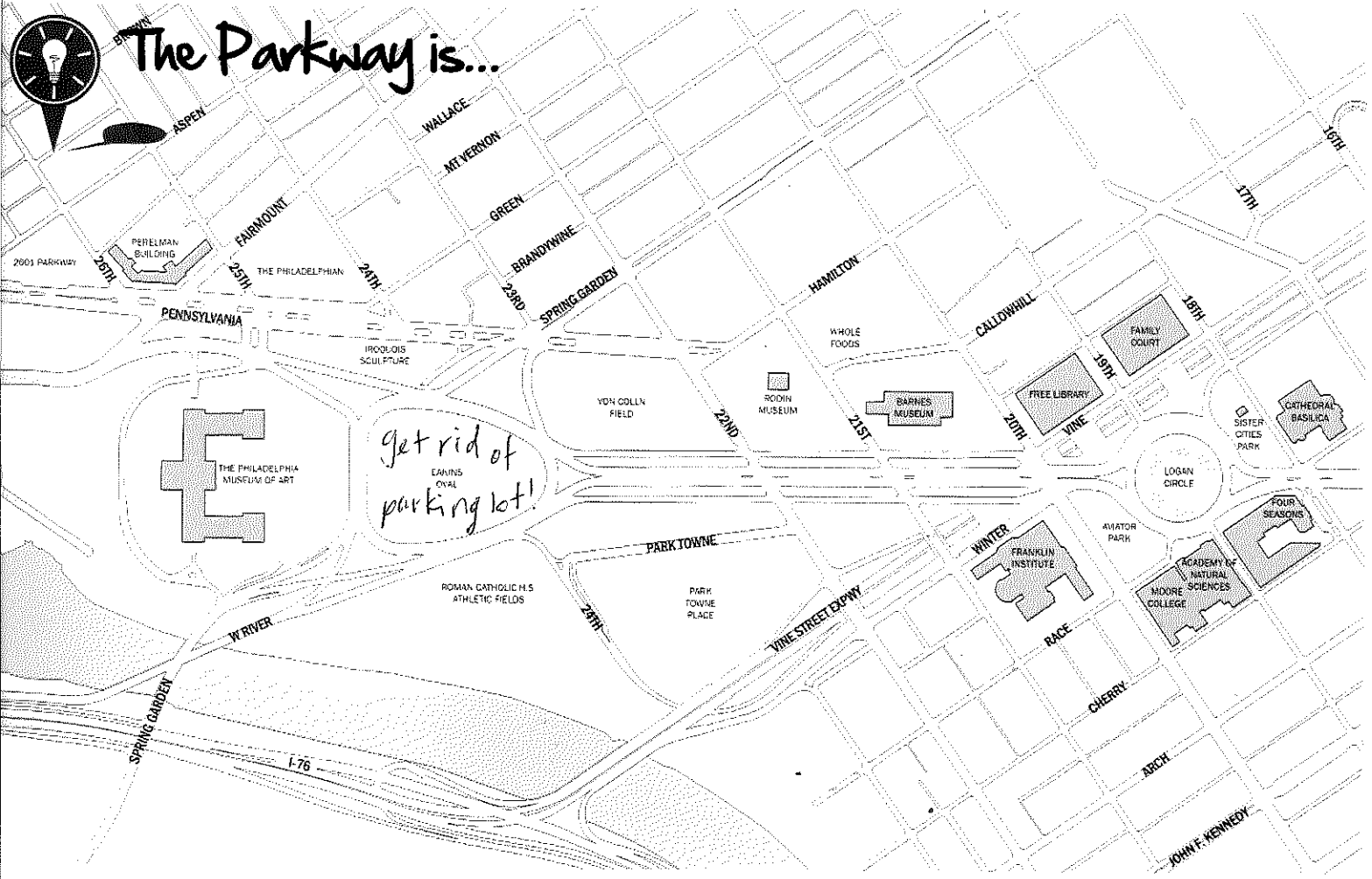


The Parkway is...

A VASTLY UNTAPPED RESOURCE
OF GREENSPACE. THE NEGLECTED
JEWEL IN PHILADELPHIA'S
CROWN. UNDERUSED DUE TO CAR TRAFFIC.



The Parkway is...



Get rid of parking lot!

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The Parkway is... a pretty place to look at
sometimes, but could be so much better!

I'd love for the Spring Garden bike path to connect
around Atkins Oval and for that useless
parking lot to be removed. Pedestrians have a hard time
along the entire stretch - maybe remove some traffic lanes
to make crossing easier and to slow traffic. Also, it would
be great to have more things to walk to - ~~lots~~ restaurants,
housing, more museums, etc. built closer to the sidewalk to
fill in the wide swaths of dead land. Or keep it green, ~~and~~ but
make it more of a landscaped park w/ seating, food, etc.



What's your bright idea for the Parkway?



existing greenway
 Greenway park
 Greenway bridge - elevated - iron/steel
 new trolley



What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

Many but this is not for heavier investment,
like a full off road Parkway oriented Greenway to city hall, ^{Light Rail} ^{Subway} ^{Underground} ^{Greenway}

But still some small scale projects both on and

off the Parkway that can help like bike station (also at 30th st
to ride over), #7 bus to 30th st + S. Phila, stairs at 22nd st JTK (for PW)

CLOSE center of Parkway more often special events or art. Sign
interior bike route on parkway route

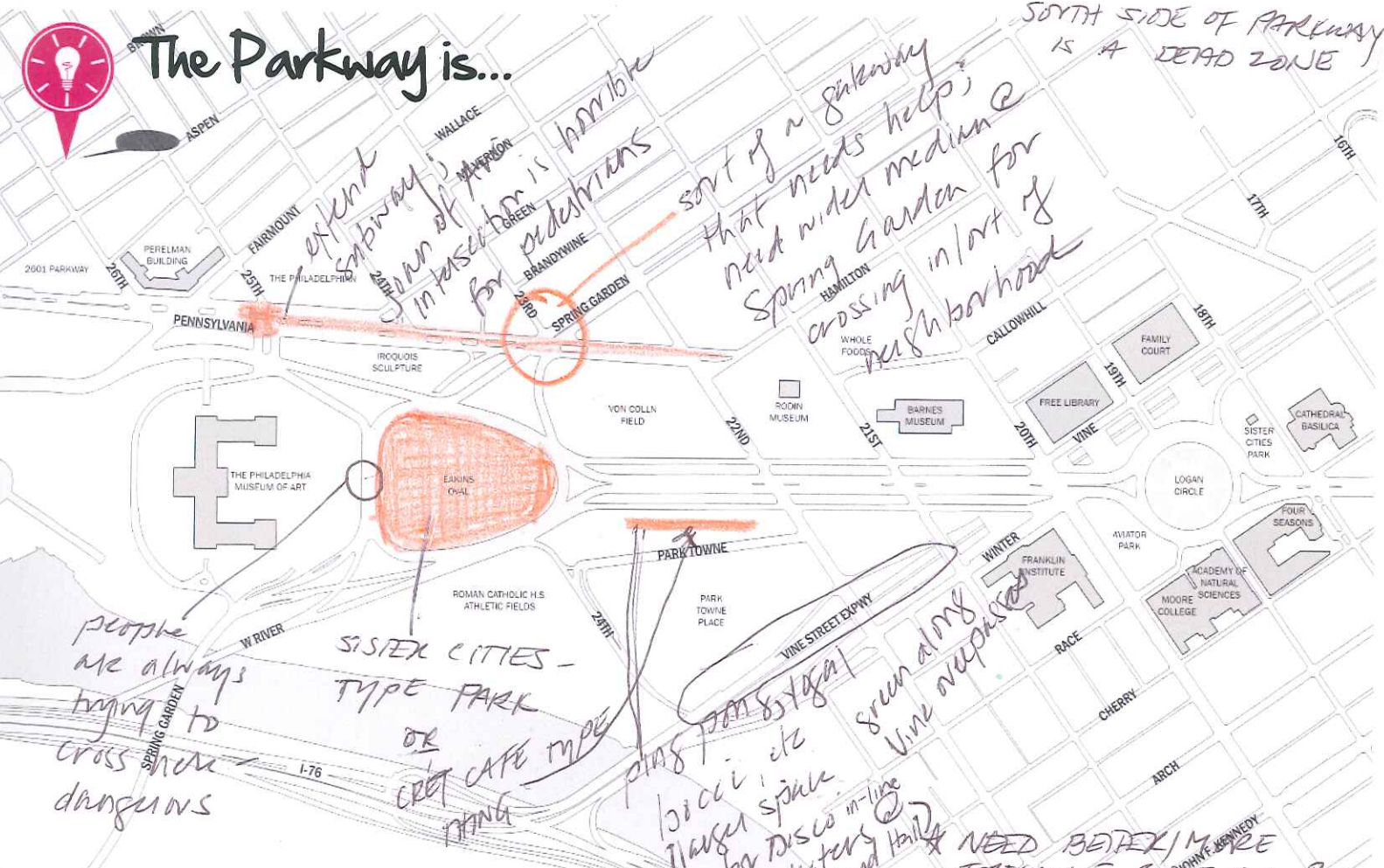


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SOUTH SIDE OF PARKWAY IS A DEAD ZONE

extend subway, intersection is horrible for pedestrians

sort of a gateway that needs help; need wider median @ Spring Garden @ crossing in/ort of neighborhood



people are always trying to cross here - dangerous

SISTER CITIES - TYPE PARK OR CAFE TYPE

plazas, pizza, etc target space for disco in-line skaters, handball

screen along Vine overpass

NEED BETTER / MORE FREQUENT BUSES TO W. PHILLY

JOHN F. KENNEDY



The Parkway is...

- small concerts ^(classical, jazz)
- like temporary pavilion idea (sort of harkens back to temp bldgs of Centennial)
- like idea of temporary art (like @ Moore), Calder exhibit was great
- yes to bike share & should be available in Sh & Fairmount neighborhoods
- kiosks - only if a permanent feel
- flex space on east side; previous parks so soft ~~space~~ use activities can be held in dead zone



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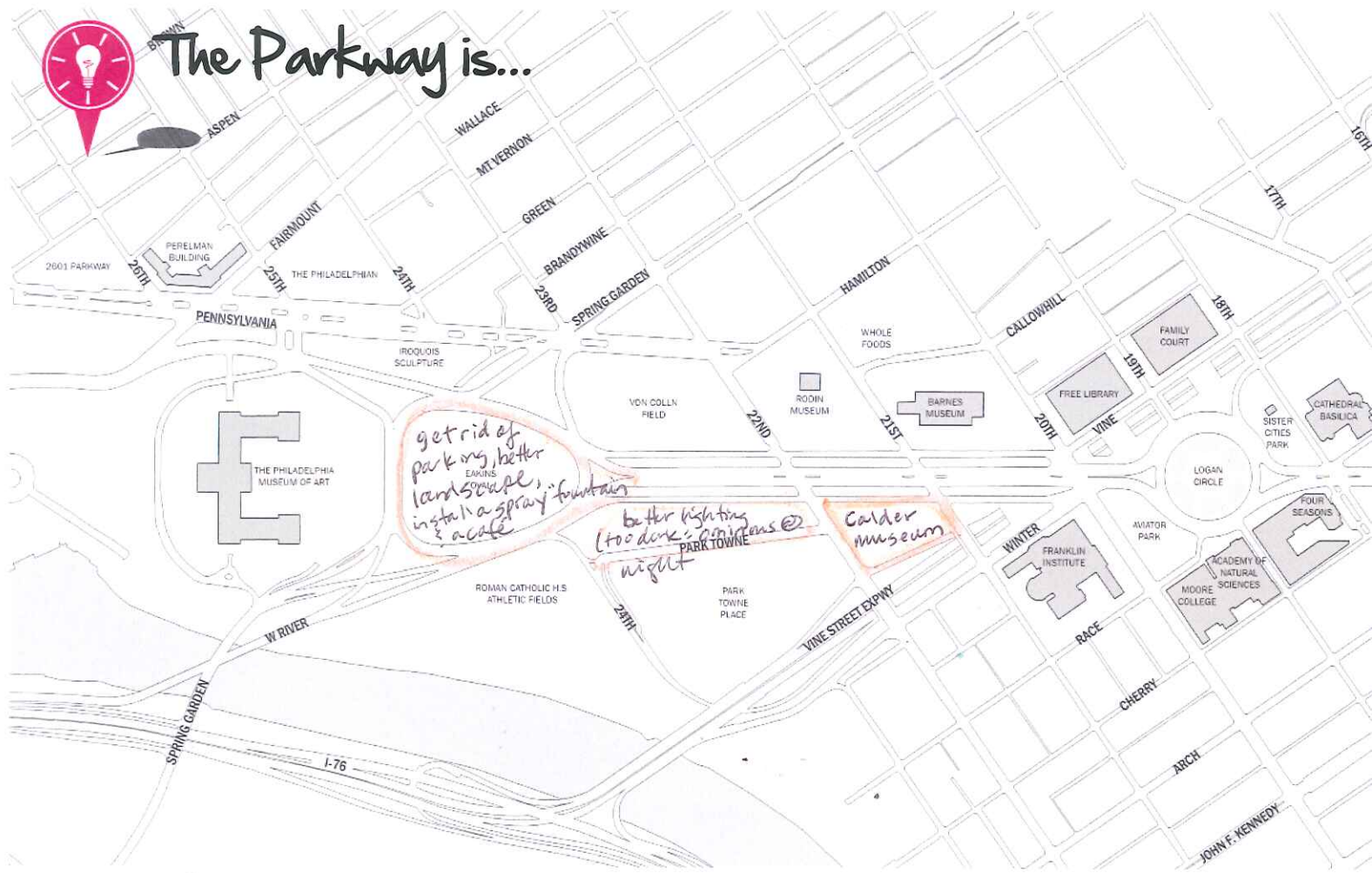
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Trial 2 way traffic on one side of
Logan Circle + on both sides of Eakin Oval

Trial removal of traffic between Art Museum +
Eakin Oval and between Franklin Inst + Decad of
Nat. Sciences + Logan Circle



The Parkway is...



get rid of parking, better landscape, install a spray fountain & a cafe

better lighting (too dark) @ PARK TOWNE night

Calder museum

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wrote this before
Michael D. Harris's
intro

(The Parkway is...

- currently not very pedestrian friendly & is mostly a highway in & out of city (even w/ recent improvements)
- need to address the "homeless" issue in as much as the trash they generate & "sleeping" areas is not worthy of this 1st class attraction
- something that could be an even better place for people to be rather than to walk to & from somewhere (Sister Cities Park is an excellent example of how the Parkway w/ similar amenities could also be a destination)
- a place that could be awesome w/ a beer garden & getting rid of parking in Eakin's Oval for smaller events



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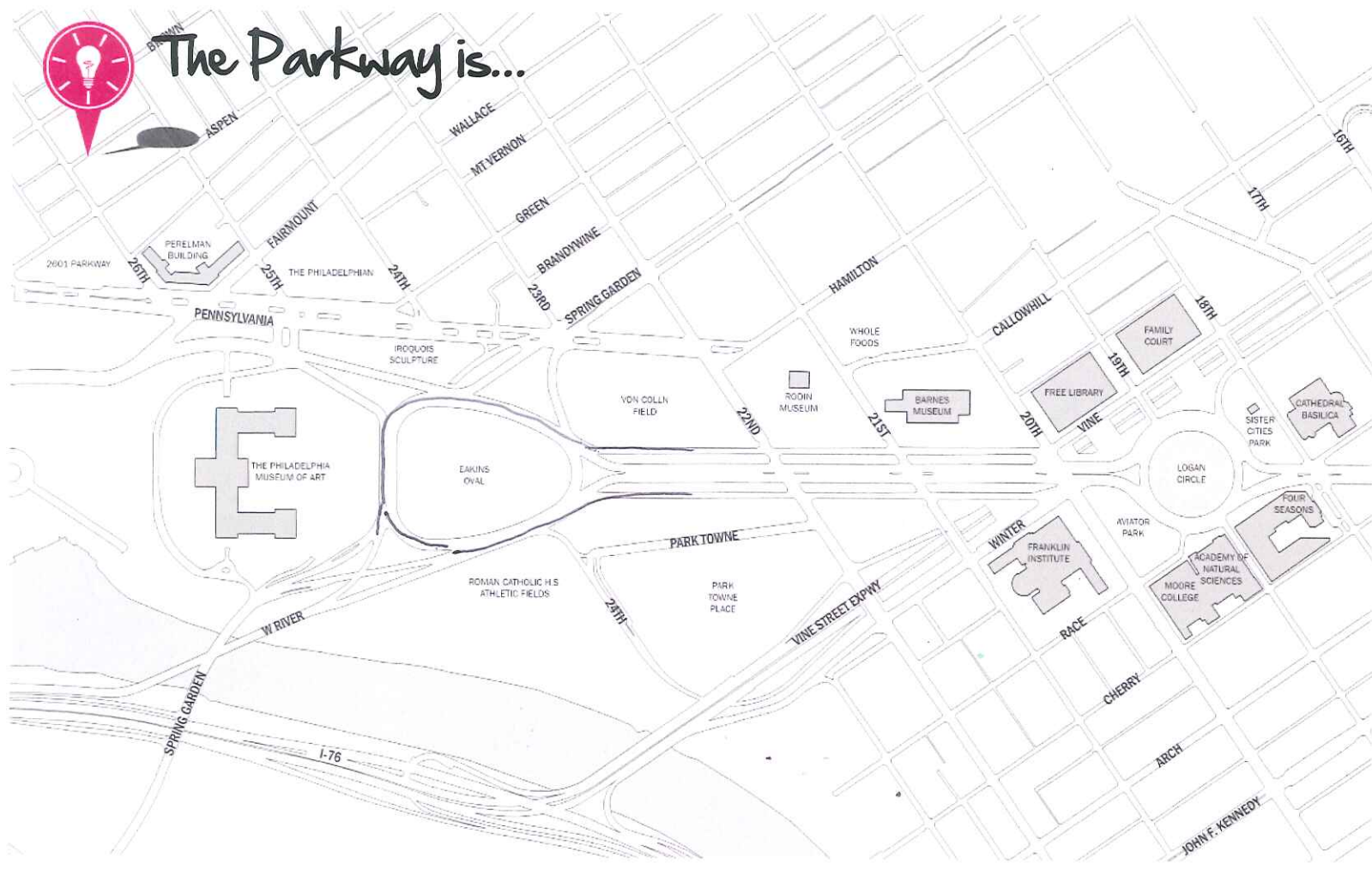
What's your bright idea for the Parkway?

- Announce the govt side with vendors, movable necks on gravel parking, kiosks, temporary sculpture installations, trucks.

- Remove the pine trees from in front of Park Town Place to open up to the parkway & install gravel parking for temporary food & vendors.



The Parkway is...



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EAKINS OVAL

ROMAN CATHOLIC HS ATHLETIC FIELDS

VON COLLN FIELD

PARK TOWNE

PARK TOWNE PLACE

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BARNES MUSEUM

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FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

MOORE COLLEGE

FAMILY COURT

CATHEDRAL BASILICA

FOUR SEASONS

LOGAN CIRCLE

AVIATOR PARK

SISTER CITIES PARK

WINTER

RACE

CHERRY

ARCH

JOHN F. KENNEDY

PENNSYLVANIA

W RIVER

I-76

VINE STREET EXPWY

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25TH

24TH

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21ST

20TH

19TH

18TH

17TH

16TH

ASPEN

WALLACE

MT VERNON

GREEN

BRANDYWINE

SPRING GARDEN

HAMILTON

CALLOWHILL

WHOLE FOODS

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The Parkway is... a public space for connecting
the museums, and educational facilities, and libraries
to the nearby neighborhoods and center-city by
bikeways and ped-ways. Sister Cities Park is a
wonderful addition as well as the green bike lanes along the Parkway.
Can the existing bike lanes be extended along the Parkway?



The Parkway is...

it seems as though all of this is at the expense of neighborhood recreation centers and parks that have been neglected for years! years of budget cuts, staff cuts no maintenance no repairs. please put some time, energy and funds into much needed maintenance and repairs for recreation centers and neighborhood parks before the parkway. at a recent parks and recreation civic engagement meeting everyone in attendance wondered when their facility would get the much needed repairs done. basic needs such as heat and staff. we were told the budget can only stretch so far. we must reevaluate how our parks and recreation spends our money! let's find a way to improve recreation centers! and neighborhood parks and people will use them even more!
