

Monday, June 27, 2022

5:30 PM

City Center - Council Chamber

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mara Bain	EDA President	Present	
Blake Roberts	Commission Vice-Chair	Present	
Sam Husnik	Commissioner	Present	
Jenny Lorge	Commissioner	Present	
Leif Erickson	Commissioner	Present	

3. Downtown Plan Final Review

Comments: Assistant City Administrator Udem provided a final update on the Downtown Plan. He noted that this is the final check in with the group to give any final feedback prior to the Draft Plan going to Council at the end of July. He commented that the Plan has been provided to Washington County for review regarding transportation. He noted that their feedback has been incorporated into the Final Draft Plan. Commissioner Erickson commented on the Draft Plan and the old picture on page 8 that is being used. He noted that he would like to see a current photo in the Plan.

President Bain asked Assistant City Administrator Udem to highlight any changes that occurred since the last conversation including the bathhouse and playground equipment. Assistant City Administrator Udem noted that the Parks, Trails, and Lakes Commission were not in favor of moving the playground equipment or the bathhouse. Udem also noted that there is no plan to move the boat launch unless a suitable alternative is developed.

There was comments from the Commissioners about the boat launch. Commissioner Roberts was in favor of locating off site trailer parking and keeping the boat launch where it is. Assistant City Administrator Udem cited the language that Bruce Chamberlain included in the Plan which included relocating the boat launch and/or trailer parking. Commissioner Roberts asked about the renewal of the DNR Boat Launch agreement. Assistant City Administrator Udem noted that the agreement expires in 2025 so this is an opportunistic time to have a conversation with the DNR about the boat launch.

Susan Young commented about funding resources and capital funds for building a new bathhouse when other parks still need improvements. President Bain commented that the Parks, Trails, and Lakes Commission felt strongly about leaving the bathhouse where it is. She also noted that there was concern about Lakeside Memorial Park being built out more than other parks in the city and finding a balance of funding mechanisms for other parks and their uses.



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~ Minutes ~

Karin Derauf, Deputy City Clerk

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Commissioner Lorge asked what will be done in the event winter activities are added to the city events. City Administrator Casey indicated that the current bathhouse will not function for winter activities if they are added. He noted that the concern of the Parks, Trails, and Lakes Commission is over funding. Susan Young indicated that leasing space for a bathhouse/warming house for winter activities is a relatively inexpensive way to prove concept for moving forward with a City owned facility.

Assistant City Administrator Udem commented that the Parks, Trails, and Lakes Commission expressed concern about parking for the food trucks and that any changes should incorporate parking for them during Arts in the Park and any additional events at the lake. He noted that Washington County also expressed concern about moving street crossing to 2nd Avenue. Commissioner Roberts asked about turn back of Hwy. 61.

President Bain provided comments on parking and the parkway that is proposed. She commented on its intent and uses for traffic including pedestrians and bicyclists. She indicated that the parkway needs to be a facility that effectively moves traffic through the area while allowing visitors to stay within the area at the same time. There was further discussion regarding parking locations.

Assistant City Administrator Udem provided the timeline for the next steps and final adoption of the Plan later in July. Susan Young provided some speculative thoughts on how the Planning Commission will view the parking portion of the Plan. There was also discussion of design standards.

4. Adjourn

Motion to: Adjourn

Comments:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leif Erickson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Sam Husnik, Commissioner
AYES:	Bain, Roberts, Lorge, Husnik, Erickson
ABSENT:	