



**FINAL**

**Meeting: Riverfront Enhancement Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Date:** 6/12/2019

**Time:** 11:45AM

**Location:** City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room

**Committee Members**

Tracy Heisler, Co-Chair	Suzie Nakasian - absent
Norman Oberto, Co-Chair	Kristi Pursell
Joe Gasior	Greg Siems
Peter Hark - absent	Robert Stai
Peder Jothan	Glenn Switzer - absent
Rachel Leatham - absent	Erica Zweifel

**Additional Attendees**

Also in attendance: Holly Larson & Barret Steenrod of the National Parks Service, Comm. Dev. Mitzi Baker, Comm. Dev. Specialist Mikayla Schmidt and two other citizens.

AGENDA ITEM	
<b>1.</b>	<p>Call to Order and Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Co-chair Heisler called the meeting to order at 11:56AM.</p> <p>A motion was made by Stai, seconded by Jothan to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p>Approval of 05-08-2019 REAC Minutes</p> <p>A motion was made by Pursell, seconded by Gasior to approve the minutes as amended to correct three technical errors. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION	
<b>3.</b>	<p>Technology for Collaboration: GoVisually Demo</p> <p>Baker introduced the item and Steenrod demonstrated how to use the GoVisually program.</p> <p>Zweifel entered the meeting at 11:53AM.</p> <p>The group and Baker discussed how the GoVisually program would be used with open meeting law. Overall, the group felt it's a great tool and Baker noted using the subscription for other projects and/or community engagement.</p>

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>Group Exercise: Review of goals / policies and how they may apply to the river corridor</p> <p>Larson introduced the implementation group exercise on the river corridor map, which analyzes all statements from the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and twenty other plans. Larson stated the groups should analyze if these strategies are applicable to the river corridor and if they are, think of specific implementation actions.</p> <p>The group broke out into small groups at 12:15PM. Zweifel exited at 1:03PM.</p> <p>The small groups completed discussions at 1:05PM and summarized their thoughts for these categories below:</p> <p>Economic Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activating the river side of businesses by expanding and revitalizing the building</li> <li>- Considering access to the river</li> <li>- Avoid policies that diminish the corridor</li> <li>- Ways to link both sides of the river</li> <li>- Clean up the sides of the buildings next to the river</li> </ul> <p>Environmental Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainability plan</li> <li>- Protect water quality</li> <li>- Remain responsive to climate change</li> <li>- Education, signage, urban canopy, health of the river itself, and how Rice Creek is the only designated trout waterway in Rice County which helps the overall health of the river</li> <li>- Stormwater outflows, major source points of pollution, landfill outside of the city</li> </ul> <p>Community Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve entry points</li> <li>- Strengthen the downtown</li> <li>- Foster the historic identity</li> <li>- Signage, rural area signage and preservation, walking bridge, parking, expanding the farmers market, and public art</li> </ul> <p>Next steps will be to look at Land Use, Community Facilities, Parks, and Housing.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p>Other Business</p> <p>-Project sharing as time allows</p> <p>Time constraints did not allow for project sharing.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting adjourned by Heisler at 1:17PM.</p>

