



Meeting: Riverfront Enhancement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 9/11/2019

Time: 11:45AM

Location: City Hall, 2nd Floor Training Room

Committee Members

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

Additional Attendees

Holly Larson, Barrett Steenrod and Jeremy Edwards - National Park Service.

| AGENDA ITEM | |
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| 1. | Call to Order and Approval of Agenda |
| 2. | Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 08-14-2019 REAC Meeting Minutes |
| REGULAR BUSINESS | |
| 3. | Review compilation of ideas from small group discussions |
| 4. | Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project sharing as time allows |
| 5. | Adjourn |



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Holly Larson, Barrett Steenrod and Jeremy Edwards with the National Park Service (NPS), Comm. Dev. Director Mitzi Baker and Comm. Dev. Specialist Mikayla Schmidt.

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| 1. | <p>Call to Order and Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Co-chair Heisler called the meeting to order at 11:49AM.</p> <p>A motion was made by Stai, seconded by Gasior to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>Zweifel and Leatham entered the meeting at 11:52AM.</p> <p>A motion was made by Oberto, seconded by Jothen to approve the 06-12-2019 Riverfront Enhancement Advisory Committee (REAC) meeting minutes with technical corrections provided by Heisler. All in favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>A motion was made by Pursell, seconded by Pursell to approve the 07-10-2019 REAC meeting minutes with technical corrections provided by Heisler. All in favor. Motion passed.</p> |
| INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION | |
| 1. | <p>Group Exercise:</p> <p>Larson reviewed the process for the group to split up and complete the Land Use and Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan chapter discussions. She noted as time allows, the groups will then work on the Community Facilities, Transportation and Housing chapters.</p> |

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| | <p>Larson noted at next month’s meeting, a compiled summary of the chapters would be prepared for the entire group to review. City and NPS staff will also meet to discuss technical issues as part of the review.</p> <p>Larson introduced Edwards and he discussed his research on dam removal. Edwards has obtained a contact at the MN DNR (Jason Boyle), identified potential funding resources, and provided examples of dam removal in Cannon Falls, Welch Township, Faribault and Owatonna.</p> <p>Hark entered at 12:00PM. Pursell exited at 1:01PM.</p> <p>Small Session Summaries:</p> <p>Land Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -potential idea to relocate the compost site -buffering along the river -the importance of tree stands or park land that may need protection -tree restoration and gaps in the canopy followed by how to create programming -removal of turf to landscape in the right-of-ways -the importance of bike lockers, maps, and way-finding signage -connecting the East Cannon River Trail to Honeylocust Dr. to provide access to neighborhoods east of Highway 3 -additional picnic tables and more shade -places for “maker spaces” in existing buildings -locations for parking -promote paddling <p>Parks & Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the ice arena and how to connect the facility to the river -reuse of the ice arena as a space for indoor winter sports -Babcock Park: potential relocation of the rodeo grounds, create a gateway park -Ames Park: create a gateway park with better buffering -rethink the median strip on Hwy 3 for landscaping -extending the river walk to the north side of 2nd street and tying it to Carleton’s Arboretum -closing off Water Street S. off of Bridge Square -walkway to connect Sechler Park and by the fire station, plantings -increase ease of paddling on river -cleaning up the edges of the river and downed trees (Kickapoo River as an example) -study on how the removal of the dam could impact the park spaces, changes flow and elevation <p>Zweifel and Leatham exited the meeting at 1:16PM.</p> |
| <p>2.</p> | <p>Adjourn</p> <p>Heisler adjourned the meeting at 1:19PM.</p> |