



Meeting: Riverfront Enhancement Advisory Committee

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting Date: 01/08/2020

Time: 11:45AM

Location: City Hall – Second Floor Training Room

Committee Members

Tracy Heisler, Co-Chair	Suzie Nakasian – present, entered at 12:06pm
Norman Oberto, Co-Chair	Kristi Pursell – present, entered at 11:52am
Joe Gasior – present	Robert Stai - absent
Daniel Hollerrung - present	Erica Zweifel - present
Peder Jothen – absent	Greg Siems (ex-officio) – present
Rachel Leatham – present, entered at 12:06pm	Glenn Switzer or appointee (ex-officio) - absent

Additional Attendees

Community Development Director Mitzi Baker, City Administrator Ben Martig, City Planner Mikayla Schmidt, & Holly Larson, Barrett Steenrod and Jeremy Edwards - National Park Service, Mayor Rhonda Pownell

AGENDA ITEM	
1.	<p>Call to Order and Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Co-Chair Heisler called the meeting to order at 11:47am.</p> <p>A motion was made by Gasior, seconded by Siems, to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>
REGULAR BUSINESS	
2.	<p>Park Alternative Concepts — Ames & Sechler Parks Questions for Committee</p> <p>Holly introduced the item and noted they will be working on the concepts until 12:30pm.</p> <p>Ames Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -gateway on the corner with sign and landscaping and sculpture, as long as it does not impede on the potential for transit drop location (consensus on this for 3 of the 4 groups); continue with the arts & culture commission to -3 & 4 were the highest support and asked to combine them, and a SPECTATULAR all age playground with Nakasian pointed out a park could be of high interest as well, -include the calling out of the Dakota river name -safety with the Mill, enhanced barrier to keep on the list -discuss / consider parking agreement with post -river steps, mirror east side, combined with gazebo, create a space for gathering -dam modification vs removal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -discussion was held on incorporating features that involve with or without the dam -need this mark on the dam so it is there for future plans or this plan -create a compelling place -whitewater thing would not be possible unless the dam was removed -minimal well designed parking area for loading unloading and food truck access and handicap accessibility
3.	<p>Action Item Prioritization Criteria — Define & Finalize List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Heisler asked if the council members, Ben and Mitzi felt there were more important items. -Nakasian, consistency with existing plans, urgency, cost -Zweifel, climate being nested in and not forgotten -NO safety? In support of Nakasian’s items -RP, fair vetting for the community, so as to not consider under only certain options, <p>Combine 7 & 8? No leave them separate Combine 8 & 9? No</p> <p>Combine 4, 8 and 9 as collaboration</p> <p>1 2 3 4, 8, 9 6 Remove 5 7 – change to consistency with adopted city plans</p>
4.	Implementation Plan Timeframe — Determine
5.	Prioritization Activity
	<p>City Administrator Martig stated there are funds available and partnership with the DNR is there, for a takeout point, it’s a carry-over project approved by City Council, have it in conjunction with the street project.</p> <p>NO discussion how to it is not the ideal location.</p> <p>Pursell and Nakasian stated that it’s a good short term win and does not have to be the end all, there can be more takeouts available.</p> <p>Joe Gasior and Rachel Leatham exited at 1:17pm.</p> <p>Holly noted the homework to do!</p>



	Email to the committee on the homework
6.	Adjourn Adjourned at 1:19pm