

Citizens Advisory Committee Notes – 5 December 2017

Members present: Theresa Collins, Alder Rhienna Gabriel, June Kramer, Erin Schultz

Not Present: Mary Balte, Grace Brandl, Janet Breuer, Anthony Mack, Ed Rappe, Joanne Vogds, Gloria Wallace, Anna Marie Wood

Guests: Ralph Kramer and Kim Kowieski

1. Meeting called to order 4:05 p.m.
2. November Meeting Minutes approved
3. Update from Mayor Justin Nickels
 - Budget passed Council in November 9 to 1
 - Alderman Soeldner voted no without providing a reason at the Council meeting, however, citizens are welcome to reach out to Alder Soeldner if they wish to discuss it
 - Budget passed with minimal changes to what Mayor presented
 - Downtown Master Plan
 - Will be a public meeting in early January (date not yet set)
 - Should wrap up in Spring
 - Finished parking study
 - 4500 public/private parking spots in downtown Manitowoc
 - About 1900 public, which equates to about 40% of the spots
 - Consultant likes to see City in control of about 50% of the spots
 - Parking study didn't conclude our public/private parking is poor – just borderline, and doesn't constitute a parking structure
 - Study suggests a permit system vs a lease system
 - Focusing on areas with little to no parking
 - Study does not recommend meters
 - Will be available online before the end of the year
 - Breiss Malting has begun their expansion
 - Schuette Building is closer to an agreement for an apartment building
 - Kerry building out the former Foster Needle plant
 - Birch Creek Inn and two homes are down to prepare for the Panera going up
4. Kim Kowieski from the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center – guest speaker
 - The Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center is expected to be a destination for school groups, families, etc.
 - Milestones:
 - 2010: Journey began
 - 2012: Comprehensive feasibility study done
 - 2013: Legal entity developed, 501(c)3 status obtained, design/build with Bayland Buildings, partnership formed with LTC
 - 2014: Successful Believers Campaign; \$425,000 raised in 2 months
 - 2015: Purchased 18 acres of land
 - 2016: Capital campaign public launch, purchased additional 18 acres of land for future growth

- 2017: Kick off with Split Rock Studios for exhibit development, building construction, release of name: Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center
 - 29,000 sq. foot structure
 - 300 person conference center
 - Café
 - Country store
 - Outdoor playground
 - Nature trails
 - Admission will be charged (has not been set yet)
 - Birthing barn
 - 6 educational and interactive themes
 - America's Dairyland
 - Diverse Agriculture – Alfalfa to Zucchini
 - Feeding Your Family - Field to Fork
 - Common Ground – Balancing Farming and the Environment
 - Advances in Food Production – the Cutting Edge
 - Agri-Culture: How are YOU connected?
 - Additional info can be found on their website www.buildweac.org
5. Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.; Next meeting Jan. 2nd

Respectfully submitted,

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11:28 a.m.