



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

CITY HALL, First Floor Conference Room West

Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Janet Breuer, Theresa Collins, Rhienna Gabriel, June Kramer, Ralph Kramer, Mayor Justin Nickels, Edward Rappe, and Ken Sitkiewitz

Absent: Mary Balte, Dan Becker, Erin Schultz, Joanne Vogds, Gloria Wallace, and Anna Marie Wood

Guest: City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel

Minutes: Stacey Groll, Assistant to Mayor Nickels

- I. Call meeting to order
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Justin Nickels at 4 p.m.

- II. City of Manitowoc Update by Mayor Justin Nickels
 - a. 2019 Budget process has begun
 - i. Road projects
 1. Quay Street
 - a. Re-doing from 6th-8th Streets
 - b. Changing up the usage of the street (including a bike lane, different parking, etc.)
 2. South 30th Street in 2019
 3. Waldo Boulevard in 2019
 - ii. Park projects
 1. Farmers Market Parking Lot
 - a. Working with Briess Malting (owners of the parking lot)
 - b. Repave eastern section
 - c. Remove islands
 - d. Greenspace with horseshoe trail on west end
 - e. Nightmarket would be held on the east end
 - f. Ice skating on the west end
 - g. Public restroom facility, concession stand and storage would be on the west end
 - h. Improve signage for handicap parking
 2. Lower Manitou Park to Lower Schuette Park
 - a. Adding a bridge to connect the two parks
 - b. Would include several kayak launches
 3. CN Peninsula

- a. Looking into 2020, this would have public access and would have a park and greenspace
 - iii. Trails
 - iv. Splashpads
 - v. Dog Park
 - 1. Considering Halvorson Park
 - a. It's more open than previously considered Pulaski Park
 - b. Parking would be better at Halvorson
 - c. Halvorson Park is not situated mid-neighborhood
- b. Schuette Building
 - i. 2nd and 3rd Floors will be apartments
 - ii. 1st Floor will be retail and restaurants
 - iii. Construction is required to begin by the end of September
 - iv. A contractor has been hired by the owner of the building
- c. Village Square
 - i. MPU is either currently doing, or has done, electrical work – removing lines and putting some underground
 - ii. At the completion of that work, the owner of the building can repair the exterior so the sidewalk can be re-opened
- d. Downtown Parking
 - i. York and N. 9th Street has been changed to 2-hour parking
 - ii. Leased permits go until the end of this year
 - iii. Permit parking will be cheaper in the future, about \$250 per stall for workday access
 - iv. Leased parking will be more expensive at about \$500 per stall for 24/7 access
- e. Little Manitowoc River
 - i. This property is located to the west of Hawkins Ash on Waldo Blvd.
 - ii. The Lakeshore Natural Resources Program got a grant to do this work
 - iii. Re-routing the river to its more natural pathway
 - iv. Fenced in area on Waldo is their staging area for this project
- f. ADA Committee (Kathleen McDaniel)
 - i. Kathleen explained the purpose of this committee, and who serves on the committee
 - ii. The ADA group would like this committee's input on handicap parking at City Hall, as some of them are frequent users
 - 1. Perhaps different signage stating handicap parking instead of barrier free parking would be a clearer indicator to people as to where the parking is available
 - iii. Kathleen welcomed suggestions about other City buildings that have obstacles or that could use ADA consideration – Kathleen's email is kmcdaniel@manitowoc.org, and Stacey's is sgroll@manitowoc.org
 - 1. Citizen Park Rec Center updates are in progress or recently finished
 - 2. SS Badger parking lot – appears there is not handicap parking
 - 3. Silver Creek Fieldhouse has been brought into compliance
 - 4. Recent ADA beach access has received positive attention

III. Discussion on hosting a Unity in the Community event

- a. Oshkosh event
 - i. This year in May, Oshkosh held a brand new event called Unity in the Community
 - ii. Students from the Communities Program at Oshkosh North High School helped to spread the word
 - 1. Communities is a community-based learning program at Oshkosh North which helps students learn literacy, social studies, and leadership in a unique way while making an impact on our local, global, or international community

- 2. Students collaborate with different businesses, organizations, and members of the community to help in their learning experience
 - iii. Family-friendly event to highlight diversity in the City of Oshkosh
 - iv. Series of children-friendly educational activities, entertainment, and cultural food
 - v. Event sponsored by the City of Oshkosh
 - vi. 7 regions of the world were highlighted
- b. Potential Manitowoc event
 - i. Social Event
 - 1. Could be modeled after EthnicFest in Two Rivers
 - 2. Feature music, food, drink, and cultural education
 - 3. Would be quite different from what Oshkosh event was
 - ii. Educational Event
 - 1. Could be modeled after the International Food Fair at Roncalli High School
 - iii. Discussed weather groups featured would be cultural, ethnic, or racial – brainstormed some of the groups which could include Hispanic, Hmong, African American, Greek, Asian, German, Irish, Polish, as well as LGBTQ community
 - iv. Collaboration with Multicultural Coalition was discussed
 - 1. Possibly partnering with this group, with support from the City of Manitowoc
 - v. Consider working with the Manitowoc Public Library to feature an ethnic cooking lesson series

IV. Suggestions/Recommendations to Mayor and Common Council

- a. A few were noted throughout the meeting, which are included in these minutes

V. Other

- a. Committee members inquired about when voting for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary would happen
 - i. Ken and June recalled that it was postponed due to lack of attendance at the last meeting
 - ii. Mayor Nickels recently appointed 3 more committee members, and Stacey suggested Mayor Nickels may have been waiting to vote until the committee is back up to full strength, but will check with Mayor Nickels

VI. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m. – Next meeting 09/04/18 at 4 p.m. in First Floor Conference Room West