



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

CITY HALL, First Floor Conference Room West

Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Ken Sitkiewitz, Mary Balte, Daniel Becker, Theresa Collins, Jennifer Estrada, Katherym Feo Rodriguez, Alderperson Rhienna Gabriel, Staate Hayward, June Kramer, Ralph Kramer, Ben Stalvey, and Ngu Devin Tita

Absent: Janet Breuer, Joanne Vogds, and Anna Marie Wood

Minutes: Theresa Collins, Secretary

- I. Call meeting to order
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Ken Sitkiewitz at 4:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of November Meeting Minutes
 - a. Rhienna requested that we amend the minutes to note that her tardiness was excused. Approved with revision.
- III. Review of Committee Member Information
 - a. Introductions
 - b. New Members
 - i. Kathrym Feo Rodriguez
 - ii. Jennifer Estrada
 - iii. Ngu Devin Tita
 - iv. Staate Hayward
- IV. Article in HTR Discussion (Guest Column)
 - a. Mr. Sitkiewitz brought a draft of the first article. We will take the month to review and come back with suggestions at the next meeting.
- V. Community Update by Mayor Justin Nickels / Suggestions to Mayor and Council
 - a. Downtown
 - i. New signage; council approved \$50K for new signage downtown with a focus on way-finding.
 - ii. Council approved \$100K for a façade grant program; 50/50 match for downtown businesses. The business owner comes to the City with their plans/renderings. They must keep it pretty close to its original historic nature. The business owner pays all the bills, then they are cut a check for up to half of the project. District is from 12th and Washington, down 8th Street up to Park Street.

- iii. Schuette building should be completed by Fall.
- iv. Fatzo's is moving downtown
 - v. Strand Adventures should be done around Easter
 - vi. Car ferry dock is being completely reconstructed
- vii. Quay Street and Farmers Market
 - 1. Council approved \$500K for parking lot renovations
- viii. Night Markets happening again; 7 events this year
- ix. Balloon Glow will be back; should be a great summer this year
 - x. There is \$100K of Room Tax dollars dedicated to special events in 2019
- xi. Will be closing on the Canadian National Peninsula property in the next few weeks; there is some contamination, but nothing too costly or drastic to clean up. We will be getting that ready for development.
- xii. Industrial Park
 - 1. Jagemann has an Letter of Intent to purchase land
 - 2. Metalware has purchased land out there and will be expanding from Two Rivers
 - 3. Briess will be purchasing land
 - 4. Red Line (Dowco)
 - 5. Manitowoc Tool & Machine
 - 6. Another one yet to be announced
- xiii. Elks Club property – senior living facility is being built there
- xiv. The 9 acres East of the Elks Club is being developed as well; the announcement will come out soon with details.
- xv. Mid City Mall site; the Elks Club has to happen first, and then we are hoping for additional interest in that site.
- xvi. Waldo Blvd will be starting this spring is the bids come back; this starts at 18th Street to the Lake; the will be re-doing the intersection at Menasha and 12th.
- xvii. Wheel Tax will take effect in April
 - 1. Right now you get your annual vehicle registration mailed to you. It is currently \$75 for normal plates; it will then be \$95. Motorcycles, classic vehicles, and some others listed at the DMV's websites will be exempt.
 - 2. The Council eliminated special assessments unless you have a road that is not existing today.
- xviii. Questions
 - 1. Is anyone looking at the parking lot at the Mid City Mall site?
 - a. No
 - b. This is privately owned, but in a TIF district, so the city is willing to help with infrastructure costs to make it more affordable and attractive.
 - 2. Mirro
 - a. No update yet; environmental study has not come back yet.
 - b. WAF is no longer interested
 - c. It is for sale very inexpensively
 - d. The plan is to put a little green space up so it looks a little better.

VI. ADA Compliance and Accessibility Concerns Addressed

- a. Citizen Park was taken care
- b. They will be adding one or two ADA stalls down by the car ferry dock.
- c. Silver Creek Park is now ADA compliant
- d. They build a beach access as well
- e. The trash in Lincoln Park has been addressed; next summer they will put in extra barrels and keep a better watch on that.

VII. Other Discussion

- a. Any non-active members will continue to receive copies of the minutes until their term runs out.

b. Diversity

- i. A few months ago Stacey Groll brought up a diversity event they were doing in Oshkosh. They brought in different cultures to talk about their culture. It was open to the public. This was not a festival.
- ii. Mi Pueblo has an event like this; this group could expand on that to include other cultures. This typically happens in September.
- iii. We can help do some research to see what is already going on in the community and facilitate collaboration among the groups.
- iv. An action item for willing committee members is to bring back to the next meeting their knowledge of existing groups and events that are focused on sharing their cultures with others.
- v. There was discussion around what the new purpose of the group is and what the mayor's focus is on. It was recommended that we have an opportunity to address diversity issues with the mayor regularly following his update.

VIII. Adjournment – 5:11 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday 2/05/19 at 4 p.m. in First Floor Conference Room West