



FINAL

Meeting: Riverfront Enhancement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 8/14/2019

Time: 11:45AM

Location: City Hall, 2nd Floor Training Room

Committee Members

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

Additional Attendees

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

AGENDA ITEM	
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>

	<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>

