



April 23, 2024

Management Team Updates

Community Development – Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

- Gesin Lot RFP – Staff has met with the DOLA Main Street Program to discuss upcoming projects. DOLA Main Street has provided the Town with ten (10) hours of professional RFP development services with one of their consultants to establish an RFP for the Gesin Lot. Staff will work with the Board of Trustees, Main Street Board of Directors, and Historic Advisory Board to gather information to be put into the final RFP product. The RFP consultant's contract is through early June, so we will need to have information to him by mid to late May to be included.
- Staff is working with Elizabeth Parks and Recreation District and Elizabeth School District on a joint Planning and Capacity Grant for a Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan.
- Main Street Monument Sign. DHM has provided the Town with a 60% design set fulfilling their contract obligation. The Town will need to put out an RFP to finish the design and construct the archway.
- Town of Elizabeth Façade Improvement Grant. The BOT has approved the resolution creating the program and will address funding the program in a future meeting. All committee members for 2024 have been appointed. Barb McGinn (BOT), Dennis Rodriguez (HAB), and Michael Hussey (MSBOD).
- The MSBOD has completed their strategic planning update which includes their mission/vision statement as well as an update to their workplan to better reflect key goals identified by current Main Street Board Directors.
- The HAB continues to work on the creation of the first Historic District in Town and updates to the Design Guidelines in relation to Historic and adjacent buildings. June 12th was the second public meeting to get feedback regarding the district and design guidelines. HAB will be pursuing individual property owner feedback. Two (2) HAB members and two (2) staff traveled to Brighton which recently implemented a historic district to get feedback from that community's staff and business owners about the process, overcoming contention, and feedback since implementation. The HAB has begun its efforts to restart this process throughout 2024.
- The HAB has started their Oral History program. Bob Rasmussen is leading this effort and is making great progress.
- The HAB has obtained 15 title reports from historic properties in Town and is working on creating full reports which can be shared with property owners and used to further their preservation efforts.
- Main Street Streetscape. CORE has provided a Change Order to complete the project through design and construction bid. CORE will provide updated cross-sections to be approved by the BOT if the CO is approved.
- CDOT has processed the deeds for remnant parcels of land to the Town adjacent to the CR-13 realignment. Staff will now work to annex and zone said parcels.

- The Town's Volunteer program has been launched and is live on the Town's website and volunteersignup.com. A launch event for the program was held on April 11th at the Elizabeth High School in the Cafetorium.
- The Planning Commission has completed a PUD evaluation to see if any Elizabeth Municipal Code revisions should be made due to commonalities. The intent was to reduce the need for PUD's to develop within the Town. The Planning Commission has identified two options for code amendments to be reviewed with the BOT at a future workshop.
- The Planning Commission has made a recommendation to the BOT in regards to daycare/nurseries as a Use by Right in Regional Commercial and Commercial Mixed Use zone districts. They also included daycare/nurseries as a Use by Right in residential zone districts as part of their recommendation.
- The Town has received confirmation of award from CDOT's Revitalizing Main Street Grant for the Main Street Streetscape Project of \$250,000.00.
- The Town has received confirmation of award from DOLA's EIAF Tier II Grant for the Main Street Streetscape Project of \$1,000,000.00.
- Staff has set dates for neighborhood block parties to take place this summer. Planning to have each department of the Town be represented to answer questions and generally interface in a non-formal setting. We will provide information, ice cream, games, and swag as part of the event. The dates include: 06/19, 06/20, 06/27, 07/10, 07/11, 07/18, and 07/31