

**Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 6:00 pm**  
In-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING  
Room 0041, City Hall

**By Phone or Zoom Meeting:**

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Meeting ID: 617-065-5357

Pass Code: 959083

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**RDA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

~~1) 100 W. Main St. block demolition, Town Square design etc., and publicizing town square project for possible funding from sources other than the City.~~

2) Facilitating quality development in downtown, and

3) Creating an approach and working to attract development projects downtown.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
  - A. Present: Becker, Board, Nowatka, Zimmermann, Wagner, Maas, & Lampe.
  - B. Virtual: RINKA/Kapur representatives
  - C. Absent: Hurtgen (excused)
  - D. Other attendees: John Kadesh, Alex Savath, and Tom Coogan
3. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order at 6:01 pm
4. **Review/Approve:** Minutes of Previous Meetings – July 17, 2024
  - A. **Board motioned to approve.**  
**Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Public Comment: None
6. Tom Coogan from the Wisconsin DNR presented on concepts relating to brownfield redevelopment and resources available to assist with projects and remediation.
7. Old Business:
  - A. Eric Mayne from RINKA presented an update on the Downtown River Corridor planning previewing the RDA's open house on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Watertown Public Library. There was discussion following.
  - B. Beltz Foundation Downtown Grant: The Drafty Cellar submitted an application for a planned business addition.  
**Nowatka motioned to approve the application.**  
**Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - C. 111 S Water St: Mason shared he and Mayor McFarland will be meeting with an interested developer to get a sense of preliminary development concepts they have prepared for 111 S. Water St.
8. New Business:
  - A. Becker shared the need for a budget modification request to attend the WEDA Conference. The RDA will pay for conference fee and hotel stay using unspent funds in the marketing account.  
**Nowatka motioned to approve**  
**Board seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Status Reports:

- A. Becker shared the first project of the Housing Rehab Grant Program has been completed and the city's finance director will be transferring the ARPA funds designated for this program to the RDA to facilitate grant payments.
- B. Copy of the latest social media report was shared.
- C. Board gave an update from the latest Common Council meeting. Topics included the outcome on the Allwardt St. rezoning and plan amendment, the vacation of the "stub end" on Jones St. and the progress on the inclusive park.
- D. Executive Director Update
  - 1. Reminder the Downtown River Corridor Open House will be August 28, 2024, at 5:30pm at the Watertown Public Library.
  - 2. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6 pm.

10. Adjournment at 7:20 pm

**Wagner motioned to adjourn.**

**Nowatka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned.**