

Wednesday, July 17, 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

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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, & Hurtgen
 - B. Virtual: Maas & Lampe; RINKA/Kapur representatives
 - C. Absent: None
 - D. Other attendees: Dan Rahfaldt & John Kadesh
3. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order at 6:00 pm
4. **Review/Approve:** Minutes of Previous Meetings – June 19, 2024
 - A. **Nowatka motioned to approve.**
Board seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Old Business:
 - A. Eric Mayne from RINKA presented an update on the Downtown River Corridor planning. There was discussion on some of the infrastructure proposals and scheduling of the next public open house event. Looking at August.
 - B. The Watertown Parade Committee had sent some requested budget information for a Beltz Grant after last month's meeting.
Zimmermann motioned to approve the application.
Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. New Business:
 - A. Becker discussed that there is a developer reviewing 111 S. Water St. They have stated they plan to follow up with the city over the next two weeks. There was discussion of additional investments in the site and the Bentzin Family Town Square to meet resident and visitor requests.
 - B. Becker stated that Mayor McFarland is open to receiving feedback from the RDA board as part of the Strategic Initiative and Development Coordinator's annual performance review. Wagner will gather feedback over the next few months.
8. Status Reports:

- A. Becker gave a short update on the status of two Housing Rehab Grant applications. One was previously approved and the applicant's agreement was recently signed.
- B. Lisa Famularo emailed out the social media report to the board. Discussion with Hurtgen on messaging ideas. Becker to follow up on this and Hurtgen will communicate with Famularo on these items.
- C. Lampe and Board discussed the previous night's Common Council meeting and the discussion surrounding the proposed development on Allwardt St.
- D.
 - 1. Becker reviewed a memo he sent to the RDA Board discussing development projects throughout the city. There was some discussion about potential for future manufacturing growth on the city and current limiting factors.
 - 2. Tom Coogan from the Wisconsin DNR will attend the August 21st meeting.
 - 3. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 6 pm.
- 9. Adjournment at 7:31 pm

Board motioned to adjourn.

Lampe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.