

DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

2:30 pm IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

Lower Level, Room 0041, City Hall, 106 Jones St, Watertown, WI

Virtual Meeting Info: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 617 065 5357 Passcode: 53094

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1. Call to order at 2:33pm.
 - a. Attendance- Present: McFarland, Becker, Beyer, Moldenhauer, Purtell, Trego, & Mazzoni. The Daily Times and a citizen was also present.
Virtual: Amber Smith, Michele Elias, and Ryan Wagner
Absent: Steve Board, Laurie Hoffman, and Andy Grinwald
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes 5.22.24. **Motioned by McFarland, seconded by Beyer, carried unanimously**
3. Public Comment
 - a. None
4. Old Business
 - a. Main Street bridge closure update (Beyer/McFarland)
 - i. Construction is moving along. The base and concrete will go in this week, the vertical will start next week.
 - b. Transportation Network Evaluation
 - i. Kickoff meeting with raSmith was last week. Traffic modeling this year and next year when bridge is done.
 - c. Quarterly business meetings status update (Purtell)
 - i. Will start scheduling after this meeting.
 - ii. Jody will create the agenda and send to Mason for review.
 - iii. When meeting with people, check with Beyer on rumors before they talk.
 - d. Update on building water lateral costs (Beyer)
 - i. Cost of a 6" extension pipe and the backfill from the main to the building is \$10,000. That doesn't include any curb or gutter or inside work.
 - ii. We will need to see if there is enough interest and then decide on cost share, loans, and other options for the businesses.
 - iii. Question on if the business owners could be forced to pay a bill they didn't ask for. The city will review.
 - e. Update on building inspections during reconstruction
 - i. Unsure what it will look like. No plan as of now. If something is found, or permits pulled, inspections will take place.
 - f. Curb bump outs: update and discussion (Beyer)
 - i. If 3rd and 4th go to a two-way, bump outs are not an option.
 - ii. DOT needs to know before so they can change the plans for curb, gutters, and catch basins.
 - iii. Check with RS to see if there is preliminary data we can use now.
 - iv. Bump outs slow traffic, have more visible crosswalks, and help with ADA compliance.
 - v. Compile data and set up a joint DTMSTF and Public Works meeting end of August.
5. New Business
 - a. Discuss crosswalk ideas/enhancements

- i. Tabled until Laurie can speak at next meeting.
- b. Discuss ideas for next newsletter issue – September target date
 - i. Will only be English version, no translator this time.
 - ii. Quarter meeting update from Jody
 - iii. Main Street Program added four more downtown signs
 - iv. Bump outs
 - v. Bridge update
 - vi. Traffic signal update
- c. Discussion on alleyway planning (Beyer)
 - i. Drainage and surface paving before construction based on funding approval.
 - ii. Share dates with the building owners so they can plan their updates
- d. 2024 planning items discussion
 - i. Strategic plan for photo ops/vistas in Main Street District
 - 1. Mason received no suggestions.
 - 2. Jody meets with the Art Council and will give suggestion after Aug 30.
- e. Discuss recurring meeting dates and times
 - i. Doodle poll to go out for schedules
- 6. Confirm next meeting date: September 25, 2024 (tentative)
- 7. Adjournment at 3:35pm
 - a. **Motioned by Trego, seconded by Moldenhauer, carried unanimously**