

Redevelopment Authority for the City of Watertown

Turning Opportunity into Results

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6:00 pm In-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING Room 0041, City Hall

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- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Becker, Board, Maas, Nowatka, Lampe, Zimmermann and Wagner
 - B. Virtual: Hurtgen
 - C. Absent: None
 - D. Other attendees: Kadesh, Mayne (RINKA), Birschbach (Kapur), and an online resident (Pilak)
- 3. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order at 6:02 pm by Chair Ryan Wagner
- 4. **Review/Approve:** Minutes of Previous Meetings April 24, 2024. Approved with note to fix the wrong meeting date listed on the public agenda. (April 4th instead of April 24th)
 - A. Board motioned to approve.

Nowatka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Public Comment: None
- 6. New Business:
 - A. Venessa Ineza from WEDC presented over Zoom the opportunities and programs that WEDC offers for downtown and business redevelopment. Some brief questions and answers. Ineza will send her PowerPoint presentation to Becker for future review.
- 7. Old Business:
 - A. Eric Mayne from RINKA presented on the current status of planning. He shared some updated maps and planning ideas gathered during the last steering committee meeting. There was a discussion on planning a public engagement event for mid-June and contacting the chairs of key committees. Lampe will send Becker a list of people to include.
- 8. Status Reports:
 - A. Lisa Famularo emailed out the social media report to the board earlier in the day. Famularo wants to assist further. Hurtgen and Wagner are discussing a messaging calendar. They have met once and will meet again in the near future.
 - B. Lampe and Board discussed some recent housing development discussions, and the current status of the Main St. bridge.

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.

- C. Becker mentioned the upcoming Bentzin Family Town Square "Birthday Bash" coming up this Saturday.
 - 1. Future Agenda Items: Tom Coogan from the DNR tentatively will speak on June 19, 2024
 - 2. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 6 pm.
- 9. Adjournment at 7:30 pm

Zimmermann motioned to adjourn.

Lampe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.