

DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

2:30 pm IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

Room 0041, Lower Level, City Hall

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order.
 - a. Attendance- Present: Beyer, McFarland, Holloway, Becker, Lampe, Hoffman & Grinwald. Virtual: Ellias, Smith. Absent: Board, Pliska, Romlein, Salas
2. Approval of minutes from February 22, 2023 Task Force meeting. Elias suggested edit. Cm. Romlein may have suggested a skywalk not across Main Street, but across a side street. Can remove “across Main Street”. Motioned by Hoffman, seconded by Holloway, motion carried unanimously.
3. Opening for public comment.
 - a. Bill Bedford: Brought up article on reconstruction of Watertown from 1960s. Brought copies of picture from Watertown Daily Times. Importance of lighting choices and color temperatures. Discussed actor from Watertown who was in Wizard of Oz. Suggested statue or monument honoring him. Implement a spot for this in planning? Discussed bubbler history, possibly of special bubblers along Main Street. He will follow up with Jaynellen on color ranges for bulbs.
4. Old Business
 - a. Update on DOT requested items.
 - i. Summarized meeting with DOT team.
 - ii. Deadlines for returning certain information.
 - iii. 30% plans by fall of 2023.
 - iv. The city’s team will sort a list of priorities for the Task Force.
 - v. Grinwald brought up the possibility of tying into Transportation Study, parking, etc.
 - b. Update on landscape architect status.
 - i. Approved at Finance Committee on March 13th.
 - ii. Address items on tier 1 of priority list, taken from past study.
 - iii. Hoping for approval in May.
 - iv. Holloway discussed scope of work. Discussed adding in sitting of street trees.
 - c. Update on downtown infrastructure improvements (bridge, plaza, roads).
 - i. Will be discussed at main St. Matter forum.
 - ii. In discussion with Mead and Hunt.
 - iii. Disconnection of bridge from Masonic building as well as by Bank First.
 - iv. Gap in desired insurance liability coverage mentioned.
 - v. Regarding plaza, discussing design of ramp and retaining walls and railings. Goal is to have the work begin this summer.
 - vi. McFarland gave updates on road work. Market to Tivoli Island future work.
5. New Business
 - a. Update of skyway suggestions.
 - i. Becker discussed rough estimates.
 - ii. Smith asked if any other communities have done a temporary structure.
 - b. Update on design of logo.

- i. Melissa will work with Lisa F. on this.
 - ii. Amber has ideas, will message them.
 - c. Review and discuss timing and topics for business liaison visits.
 - i. Becker will solicit talking points from the City Team.
 - ii. Possibly quarterly visits with a newsletter with dates to keep in mind section.
 - iii. Have a standard template for literature to leave behind. Try to have it by the next meeting.
 - iv. Magnets can be produced cheaply.
 - v. Hoffman asked about getting contact information for landlords and tenants.
- 6. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 2:30 PM
- 7. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Lampe, seconded by Grinwald, motion carried unanimously.