

DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

2:30 pm IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

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

By Phone or GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/471703029>

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1. Call to order.
 - a. Attendance- Present: Beyer, McFarland, Becker, Lampe, Hoffman, Moldenhauer, Board, Trego, & Mazzone. Virtual: Ellias, Wagner, & Grinwald joined at 2:35. Absent: None.
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes 10.25.23. **Motioned by McFarland, seconded by Lampe, carried unanimously.**
3. Opening for Public Comment-None.
 - a. Andrew Beyer announced he took the position of Director of Public Works as of today.
4. Old Business
 - a. Main St bridge closure update (Beyer/McFarland)
 - i. On Schedule. Monday worked on stabilization of the building. Finishing in March. DOT awarding bids on Mar 13 , April work should start. Finish projected in Nov/Dec. weather permitting and no issues.
 - ii. Bridge closure signs (Lampe) At least 4 signs. Place in most visible spots, Cady and Milwaukee bridges. Size and placement. Main St. Program is covering cost.
 - b. Update on date for 60% submittal meeting, related items (Ellias)
 - i. Final scope internal meeting in Feb. This is just a formality on DOT. No design implications. Still on schedule DOT sends plans to city at 60%. Andrew to get a timeline and provide feedback to Task Force at next meeting.
 - c. Business visits – Feedback from members on visits since last meeting
 - i. Mike needs his assigned addresses. Mason will follow up with him.
 - ii. Ryan Wagner is the new RDA rep to the Task Force.
 - iii. Concerns if businesses can get new water mains while the street is under construction. Need bigger diameter pipe to handle building sprinkler systems. Grant or loan programs to help? Put that on agenda for next time.
5. New Business
 - a. Next newsletter: Targeting February. Discussion on items to include?
 - i. Update on bridge, signs, timeline
 - ii. Emily- water main work to be done this month.
 - iii. Spanish language version? We need to find a vendor/person due to policy. Amber Smith to check in with Mason.
 - b. 2024 planning items discussion
 - i. Strategic plan for photo ops/vistas in Main Street District.
 1. Places downtown to take pictures that would stand out and show it's affiliated with Watertown.
 2. Selfie station incorporated into art.
 3. Internally put together ideas and bring to next meeting. Email ideas to Mason and he will make a list.
 - ii. Transportation Network Evaluation- budgeted for this year

1. Discussion on One-Way Streets-
 - a. Requested last year and in this year's budget.
 - b. RFP by engineering to see what streets to study. What do we want in the study? Outcome? Keep one way for traffic or can they be two ways? Parking affected?
 - c. List of streets. Maintain 2 one way for truck routes. Change others to two ways. Concern of bringing someone on board when traffic patterns are different due to the bridge being closed.
 - d. No parking spots. Can we include why there is no parking (newsletter item)
 - e. Andy- suggestions toward when Main St. is closed. Traffic control pattern.
 - f. Long-term goals of one-way streets is the point of the study, not while Main St. is repaired.
- iii. Underlighting of Cole (Main St.) Bridge status update
 1. Putting conduit in, but not lighting it. Costs too much right now.
 2. The state asked to confirm the look of the lantern on the bridge so they are the same.
 - a. Discussion on if the lanterns are hard to clean? Come apart? Textured glass? LEDs?
 - b. Base and poles need to be the same. **The straight/smooth, black shaft poles will be used.** (Confirm with Melissa this is OK). **Combination poles GFI, double flagpole and banners on pole.**
 - c. Color of lights (indirect/soft light)? Follow up and bring back to next meeting.
 3. Put poles in the newsletter.
6. Determine next meeting date (March 27, 2024).
7. Adjournment
 - a. **Motion to adjourn at 3:23pm by McFarland, seconded by Hoffman, motion carried unanimously.**