

CITY OF MENASHA
Joint Plan Commission and Redevelopment Authority
Virtual Meeting
April 13th, 2021
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. City Plan Commission (Mayor Merkes)

Mayor Merkes called the Plan Commission meeting to order at 4:17 PM.

2. Redevelopment Authority (Chairperson Vanderhyden)

Chairperson Vanderhyden called the RDA meeting to order at 4:17 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

1. City Plan Commission (Community Development Director Schroeder)

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, Alderperson Schmidt, Alderperson Grade, DPW Alix and Commissioners Cruickshank, Benner and Sturm.

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Homan

2. Redevelopment Authority (Community Development Director Schroeder)

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Kim Vanderhyden, Alderperson Nichols, Matt Vanderlinden, Bob Stevens, Kip Golden and Gail Popp.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shane Correll

OTHERS PRESENT: CDD Schroeder, PP Stephenson, CA Captain, and Roger Kanitz (516 River Way) and Paul Weber (533 River Way).

C. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

No minutes to approve.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN ON THIS AGENDA

(five (5) minute time limit for each person)

Roger Kanitz (516 River Way): Expressed his concerns that the canal maintain a flowage that will allow residents to the north to continue to use their water front property for boating, fishing and other recreational activities; without being impeded by fast moving waters. Roger also gave suggestions for the naturalization of portions of the canal and peninsula area, which would encourage wild life habitats.

Paul Weber (533 River Way): Expressed concerns about the velocity of the canal after the Lawson Canal project is finished. He also was in favor of more naturalization along the canal and peninsula areas.

F. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. Lawson Canal Draft Concept Plan

CDD Schroeder gave an update on the canal project and presented the concept plan to joined commissions.

Kevin Benner entered the meeting at 4:43 PM

The joint commission entered into a discussion with the following being discussed:

- The flow rate of the canal would not significantly increase the flowage of the entire canal. Residents will still be able to utilize their water front north of the project.
- Hybrid, urban, or naturalized shore lines.
- The nature of the concept plan and how the public can give their input.
- Timeline for the project.
- Reasons residents would go to the area.
- The uniqueness of the canal project as a kayaking feature.
- Survey results for the Lawson Canal.
- Revitalization of the downtown.
- Logistics for tubing and kayaking down the Lawson Canal.

5:02 Alderperson Ann Schmidt left the meeting and gave her seat to Alderperson Tom Grade.

a. Plan Commission Resolution R-1-21

A motion was made by Commissioner Benner to approve Plan Commission Resolution R-1-21 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sturm. The motion carried on roll call vote 6 to 0.

b. Redevelopment Authority Resolution R-1-21

A motion was made by Chairperson Vanderhyden to approve Redevelopment Authority Resolution R-1-21 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevens. The motion carried on roll call vote 6 to 0.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Benner made a motion to adjourn the Plan Commission meeting at 5:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Tom Grade. The motion carried.

Chairperson Vanderhyden made a motion to adjourn the RDA meeting at 5:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Becky Nichols. The motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by PP Stephenson.