



**PED COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance: Vice-Mayor Gwen Wisler, Councilman Gordon Smith, Councilman Brian Haynes

Staff in Attendance: Cathy Ball, Gary Jackson, Kelly Whitlock, Sam Powers, Amber Weaver, Jake Klodt, Stacy Merten, Stephanie Monson-Dahl, Chris Corl, Jason Nortz, Greg Shuler, Frank McGowan, Jaime Matthews, Melissa VanSickle

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Haynes moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Smith seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. UPDATES

a. Riverfront Office; Stephanie Monson-Dahl

Ms. Stephanie Monson-Dahl discussed the TIGER VI projects deadlines. Members asked that issues on projects be highlighted in future updates.

b. Comprehensive Plan; Stacy Merten

Ms. Stacy Merten provided an update on the formation of an advisory committee for the Comprehensive Plan. Council recently approved members and staff is now advertising for three additional at large members. Members discussed the deadline for people to apply for the advisory committee and staff's ability to advertise the positions.

c. Mayor's Development Task Force; Jason Nortz

Mr. Jason Nortz provided a background of the Mayor's Development Task Force. Mr. Nortz presented the group's priority areas, achievements, and future needs. Staff will be updating Council in July with a similar report.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Pay As You Throw (PAYT); Frank McGowan

Vice-Mayor Gwen Wisler asked that staff move forward with a recommendation to Council for either a cart or bag-based model. Vice-Mayor Wisler also asked for SACEE's recommendation and expressed interest in hearing about their research and assessment on the topic.

When PAYT was previously brought to PED, possible fee relief for low-income residents was discussed. Staff has investigated the options available but the City cannot unlawfully discriminate on different classifications of customers. Staff has found other avenues of fee relief through programs that provide subsidies to elderly or those with welfare needs but still need to

work out the legal details of those programs. Members asked that staff continue to explore a Community Development Program to determine whether there are options for low-income residents. Mr. Gordon Smith asked to receive information on how people can reduce their bill to under \$14 a month. Vice-Mayor Wisler asked that staff make a decision so that communications can begin.

Mr. Frank McGowan discussed the issues surrounding the PAYT study and indicated that staff would like to keep the previous recommendation of a cart-based model. Moving forward, staff will begin looking into operations, submit a request for information, and begin a process for looking into a cart-based system. Vice-Mayor Wisler inquired about a plan for communication, which staff will begin once a specific method has been confirmed. Ms. Amber Weaver provided an update on SACEE's Waste Reduction Committee, which will address strategies for overall waste reduction goals. The Committee is hoping to incorporate composting, education and enforcement along with PAYT.

b. Consideration of Various Infrastructure Grants; Cathy Ball

Assistant City Manager, Cathy Ball provided an overview of the TDA Major Works Pathway's letter of intent, and the TPDF and STPDA grant applications. Ms. Ball also described the estimated costs for the proposed projects and explained the source of funds. Suggested projects include street and sidewalk improvements, a gateway, and a parking garage in the South Slope area. Councilman Smith inquired about the exploration of housing with the proposed parking garage and asked about the timeline of the funds. Applications will be submitted on June 1st and staff is hoping to hear back this fall.

Mr. Sam Powers described the application for the regular cycle of TPDF funding, which proposed improvements in the U.S. Cellular Center (USCC). Improvements would include a curtaining system, creating new meeting and storage space, and infrastructure changes. Members discussed the current use of the building and how the changes proposed in the grant application could improve it. Vice-Mayor Wisler inquired about the projected cash flow from the proposed improvements. Mr. Chris Corl explained the events that were unable to come to the USCC due to the inability to transform the arena into a more intimate space. Vice-Mayor also inquired about the current budget in the CIP for the USCC improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. David Nutter, a member of the Greenway Committee discussed the proposed Major Works projects and how greenway connectors can work to provide a full network. Mr. Nutter expressed that he thinks the effort is magnificent and should include consideration of seeing multimodal streetscape elements of greenways systems.

Councilman Smith moved to recommended approval of the grant applications to full council. Councilman Haynes seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ADJOURN

Vice-Mayor Wisler Adjourned the meeting at 3:37 without objection.

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