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MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 21, 2015**

**Board Members in Attendance: Vice Mayor Marc Hunt, Council Member Jan Davis, Council Member Gwen Wisler**

**Staff in Attendance: Cathy Ball, Gary Jackson, Sam Powers, Joey Robison, Stephanie Monson Dahl, Dan Baechtold, Brenda Mills**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Wisler moved to accept, Davis seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. **Riverfront Update; Stephanie Monson Dahl.** Two consent agenda items are coming before full council at the July 28 meeting. The first is property acquisition strategy, and second is modifications to the engineering contract with CDM Smith. Wisler corrected Arts and Culture date to spring 2018. Monson noted on the recreation line that the TPDF application is due in August. Staff will then provide a tour, and the decision will be announced in October. Next year there may be a change to make the deadline January, but that has not been finalized. If there is a problem or hurdle, we will get it on the PED agenda. Hunt requested a budget update for the project quarterly, to include revenues and expenditures. Property acquisition strategy has not changed, and we continue to keep property owners informed. Will be bringing in extra help, but will still be involved.
  - b. **Consideration of Modification to Engineering Contract with CDM Smith for Design of the RADTIP and Five Points Roundabout; Dan Baechtold.** Effect of this change has been reviewed and run against the CIP, and staff still feels like we are within budget for CIP costs. None of the changes are having a big impact on those costs. We are essentially making a change order with the contractor including: 1) Asking contractor to fully design roundabout along with tweaks to design. 2) Accelerating the timeframe 3) bike lane 4) parking under Jeff Bowen Bridge. Committee supports bringing to full Council.
3. **NEW BUSINESS.**
  - a. **Consideration of the Asheville Area Arts Council's Application to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant; Brenda Mills.** There are several updates to the application, due October 8. Would like to go to full Council in August. We have been meeting with other towns for support. Kitty Love reported that Black Mountain has given support and the County will write a letter. Getting an economic impact report for Buncombe County. The funding from NEA would support two studies: revenues and benefits that nonprofits bring in, and an inventory of the commercial side. City of Asheville is paying \$25,000, Black Mountain is supporting, and the Chamber will provide some in kind. If the funds aren't raised, and the project isn't happening, the City's match would not be provided. Hunt encouraged EDC board meeting attendees to bring arts and culture up. Wisler would like there to be a process to keep inventory up to date. Love mentioned two tools – a dedicated arts and culture portal from CBD includes business to business directory, and the WNC Vitality Index. Committee supported elevation to consent agenda.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.
5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** None.
6. **ADJOURN.** The meeting was adjourned without objection at 4:03 pm.