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Meeting Minutes - Draft EMERSON EAST-EKEN PARK-YAHARA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

6:30 PM

Bashford United Methodist Church
329 North Street

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Arthur M. Hackett; Amy L. Klusmeier; David A. Albino; Douglas J. Buege;
Aaron E. Onsrud and Daniel S. Grubb

Excused: 1 - Adrienne Sella

City Alders and Staff: Linda Horvath and Angela Puerta, City of Madison Planning & Community & Economic Development; Brynn Bemis, City of Madison Engineering Division.

APPROVAL OF October 22, 2014 MINUTES

A motion was made by Klusmeier, seconded by Buege, to Approve the October 22, 2014 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Lutz of Kedzie Street attended the meeting. There were no public comments.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

1. [32851](#) Plan Development

Brownfields redevelopment - Brynn Bemis, City Engineering

- Demetral Park
 - The landfill under the park is actively monitored and contains 4 to 9 feet of household garbage and industrial waste under a two foot soil cap. The most likely area for community gardens is east of the dog park, since it is the only area of the park that is not currently programmed. Raised beds should prevent leaching of contaminants as long as a thick layer of organic matter is layered under the beds.
 - The bigger issue is the perceived risk of locating a community garden on a landfill. Also, DNR approval is necessary but not likely to be granted for an actively monitored landfill. Further, the City is unlikely to grant approval due to previous safety issues with City landfills. Underground piping is also an issue.
- Committee Comments
 - Demetral is more suitable for beautification with plantings.
 - Demetral is one of the most important places in this area, and the plan should make a connection between it and the rest of the neighborhood.

- Burr Jones Park

- Because of the public market, Burr Jones Park could be a good place to locate community gardens or an orchard featuring native fruits of Wisconsin.
 - The landfill under the park is closed and it is not actively monitored.
 - Bemis indicated there may be residual soil contamination and she will analyze the soil in more detail to determine where a community garden or orchard could be located.
 - A native fruits of Wisconsin orchard could be an educational gathering place. The permaculture guild may want to get involved.
- City of Madison's Brownfield redevelopment project
Bemis indicated that the City received a \$400,000 brownfields redevelopment grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To date, the City has expended a third of the grant to help private property owners clean up their sites in preparation for selling and/or redevelopment. In order to receive grant dollars, applicants must provide a soil test, historic record of review, building assessment records, etc. The EPA grant will be included as an implementation tool in the neighborhood plan.
- Draft Plan Update
 - Planning and Economic Development staff met with property owners to discuss the draft initial design concepts for proposed redevelopment areas.
 - A consultant will be hired to create detailed site plan alternatives and 3-D perspective drawings.
 - Staff are preparing the draft neighborhood plan. The SC will review and comment on the plan in January and February and a revised draft will be presented at a Public Open House in March or April.
 - The public market could be an element of branding along gateway corridors.
 - Staff met with City Engineering concerning train horn noise and it was confirmed that there is not an enforcement mechanism for the city, even in quiet zones. Residents can contact Steve Sonntag, City Engineering, 608-267-1997 with questions and to register rail noise complaints.
 - An alder can request a quiet zone if the local community requests it.

2. [32852](#)

Next Meeting

A motion was made by Buege, seconded by Grubb, to cancel the December SC meeting and to reconvene in January 2015. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting date, time, location and agenda will be forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Onsrud, seconded by Buege, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Funding for the Emerson East-Eken Park-Yahara Neighborhood Plan project is supported by the City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.