

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2023, JOINT MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES. 4:45 p.m. Council Chamber. Present: A. Christianson Sr., N. Johnson. Absent: M. Reynolds, J. West. Others present: A. Christianson Jr., B. Grotzinger, A. Kenyon.

Call to Order:

Al Christianson Sr. called the meeting to order.

Library:

A list of needed repairs at the library was distributed.

Smaller Housing Projects:

There was continued discussion of how City might encourage one and two family housing construction or upgrade projects. Evidence was also provided of recent sale of numerous vacant lots in two subdivisions adjacent to the Tee A Way golf club, which lots appear to have been sold for well less than the cost of developing them. As many of these were purchased by a local developer this suggests a pending attempt to devise affordable one or two family units. There is support, although not unanimous, for the City to proceed with some utility construction to serve additional lots.

South Side Playground:

A map indicating development of the former elementary school playground was distributed as was a list of development items this committee supports. References to relocation and redevelopment of the playground that has been at that location since 1958 will be revised to make it clear that this project shall include facilities and equipment that are inclusive for the handicapped. No interest was indicated in selling off residential building sites in the NE corner or along east side of this property.

Large Housing Project Updates:

Those present remain interested in seeing riverfront area south of Phillips Ave. between E. 2nd and E. 4th Streets be developed to include City investment in utility installations to serve it. It was noted that the area between a proposed townhome development and the river, which was to remain in City ownership, is in poor condition with an old tin can dump and badly eroded storm sewer present. It was suggested that the City correct these deficiencies regardless of what else it may do. This area could then, perhaps, be leased to a developer to keep up in return for allowing development residents to use it.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.