

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2023 JOINT MEETING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEES Following Council. Members present: A. Christianson Sr., A. Christianson Jr., B. Grotzinger, N. Johnson, A. Kenyon, J. Kenyon, M. Reynolds, J. West.

Call to Order:

Al Christianson Sr. called the meeting to order.

Barnett Rd. Residence:

Adm. Christianson reported that the long-term owner turned tenant of this dwelling has recently been moved into assisted living and that the family is now taking actions to remove their belongings from the premises. They will be provided at least on month to do so. After that the Committees will plan to tour it and determine what needs to be done before it is offered for rent. Those present believe it should remain in City ownership for so long as it may be needed to facilitate a future industrial expansion.

Historic Property Ordinance:

Reference was made to copies of a historic property ordinance from Lodi, WI that were distributed for review at the March 13, meeting. While it is doubtful that such local ordinance would enable such properties to receive State or Federal assistance, consideration could be given to allowing access to local programs such as façade assistance. While that likely wouldn't be enough incentive to encourage rehabilitation of a property like Gerard Hotel, it might be enough to prompt an owner to upgrade some locally significant structures.

South Side Park:

It was reported that a couple consultants will be asked for Proposals to review a long-standing need to drain the apartment area north of Corbett Ave. which likely naturally drained to the south before Corbett Ave. was built across it. This will include an evaluation of the effectiveness of existing facilities devised for this purpose and, likely, also identify additional facilities that may be needed to better address this problem before further investments are made in this vicinity. These investments might include not only the South Side Park but reconstruction of portions of nearby Corbett and Fritz Avenues.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.