

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2025, MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES, Following Council meeting in City Chamber.

Present: A. Christianson Jr., A. Christianson Sr., J. Hoover, N. Johnson, J. Kenyon.

Call to Order:

At p.m. Al Christianson Sr. called the meeting to order.

Sign Frame:

It is still intended to use the existing sign frame on the east side of the Connections store for a stylized way finding map. The current effort is to identify someone to design the physical sign.

Upgrades:

It was suggested that if the City is the entity to enforce property upkeep ordinances it should keep its own property in tip top shape. A couple options are to install slats in the chain link fence at the PW garage and to install safety yellow slip covers over bollards at the old fire hall. Mr. Parker later advised that the summer PW crew should be able to paint the bollards.

Painters:

A question was raised who in this area might do commercial/industrial painting as those who did that a few years back are no longer here.

Affordable Housing:

A WEDC report done a few years ago indicated a need for about 140 additional units by this year. The Lindoo Apartments provided 40 leaving a presumed deficit of 100. While local developers are also providing new duplexes to address the need for additional units. New owner-occupied housing starts have lagged behind for years though. Attention was called to a proposed Residential Infill Project to address this need. This generated a good discussion during which the following were among comments offered:

- *The lowest cost doublewides are often poorly built with plastic trim and lack curb appeal.
- *Sites for such housing should be carefully selected so that the neighborhood holds up their value.

Population:

There was discussion of population projections and their potential impacts.

Business Renovation Grant:

Adm. Christianson reviewed an application from long time business Nash-Jackan for a \$30,000 grant from the City's business renovation grant toward the cost of recent upgrades to that firm's facilities. It was reported that the City recently received a State grant award of \$250,000 over two years to help capitalize this local fund. Based on the nature of the upgrades and the amount expended it is eligible to receive these funds. Motion was made by Kenyon, seconded by Johnson and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval.

Adjourn: