

**MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2022 JOINT MEETING OF PROPERTY/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES**  
5:15 p.m., Council Chamber. Members present: A. Christianson Sr., N. Johnson, M. Reynolds, J. West.  
Others present: A. Christianson Jr., K. Gorsegrner, B. Grotzinger, A. Kenyon, D. Parker, J. Pohlman II.

Community Development Committee Chair Christianson called the meeting to order and presided.

### **Rail Display**

It was noted that with interest picking up in using industrial spaces for that purpose that rail display materials, equipment and work in progress stored in these spaces needs to be relocated.

Mr. Pohlman expressed his opinion that the amount of money (\$400,000?) invested in rail displays in recent years has been excessive given many other more pressing needs the City has. He called it a "money pit" and questioned the propriety of using TIF to pay these costs. Some present indicated consideration should be given to limiting visitor access to the insides of vehicles except by appointment.

Mr. Parker gave a detailed summation of how rail display work is planned to be completed with assistance from Camp Flambeau. That report is attached.

### **Staffing**

Mr. Johnson stated that with the amount of property the City owns it needs a full-time facility maintenance person to keep up repairs. Others agreed that tending to these needs sooner will help avoid more costly work later. These savings should justify the position.

### **Industrial Leases**

Adm. Christianson reported that Indeck's lease of the City-owned facility ends July 31<sup>st</sup>, adding that he is working with the firm on renewal of that lease.

### **CSM**

Adm. Christianson presented competing proposals to provide a certified survey map, or CSM, of the former WWTF and animal shelter area lying between the river and Phillips Ave. between 1<sup>st</sup> St. and E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. It is proposed to legally define three separate lots as a cost to TIFD. It was noted that some of the property nearest the RR and the river may not be usable owing to poor or wet soils. Motion was made by West, seconded by Johnson and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval of the lower cost proposal from Rusk Surveying, to include all listed optional services. SEH's proposal was likely higher in cost as it would require travel to review non-electronic records in the Register of Deeds' office.

### **Recreational Property**

#### **Riverview Trail**

A question was raised whether or not to replace interpretive signage that enhanced this trail when it was first built. It was stated that these were quickly vandalized in part because they were too lightly built. Use of sturdier materials will be necessary if they are to be replaced.

#### **Boardwalk**

It was reported that several North Cedar students were seen out on the Falge Park wetland walkway even though all three access points are believed to have "closed" signs or barricades on them. The estimated cost of reconstruction of the walkway on floats seems more than is affordable and even removal of pilings might be problematic. A question was raised about liability to the City if someone

were hurt. It was explained that the City likely would not be liable provided “closed” signs are posted at the three access points.

#### **Mural**

Verdegan Construction hasn’t yet identified a start date for installing the Well-Known Former Residents’ mural, which will be located adjacent to the former farmer’s market pavilion on W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **RV Parking**

Mr. West asked about talk he has heard of RV parking be established at Falge Park. This would require the City, as owner, to get a license. Sewer and water availability are an issue. Little, if any, support was expressed, although this is at least partially within the Park Board’s purview.

#### **Summer Help**

Chair Christianson asked if a summer worker could be available on rain days to consolidate previous administrator’s files, which still need to be accessed frequently. Older files were already in the basement, but newer files were also moved down there at his retirement.

#### **Future Meeting**

Mr. Reynolds noted that, at a future meeting, consideration should be given to revising the City’s Façade Assistance Program rules to get back closer to the original intent.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by West, seconded by Johnson and carried by voice vote to adjourn at about 6:30 p.m.