

**VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD**

Connie Geary called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Geary informed the public about the location of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

Roll call found the following Board members present: Connie Geary, John Stappert, Stephanie Bates, Doug Stebbing, and Pat Carney. Absent: Justin Webb

Ex-Officio members present: Amy Renter

City Staff members present: Public Works Director/City Engineer Steve Rames, Economic Development Assistant Jen Olson, Economic Development Property Coordinator Mickella Brabec, Economic Developer Candice Alder

Agenda

Stebbing moved, seconded by Carney to approve the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: Connie Geary, John Stappert, Stephanie Bates, Doug Stebbing, and Pat Carney. Absent: Justin Webb

Minutes

Stappert moved, seconded by Bates to approve the minutes as printed. Roll call: Ayes: Connie Geary, John Stappert, Stephanie Bates, Doug Stebbing, and Pat Carney. Absent: Justin Webb

Zoom Call with Puma

Doodle poll will be sent out to Board members to find a date that will work for a Zoom call with PUMA.

Justin Webb arrived at 8:27 a.m.

City Project Updates

Rames updated the board on the Johnson Park project. There will be a preconstruction meeting next week then he will have more of a timeline for the work. The project has been awarded. Plan is for intersection improvements, storm sewer extension, replace the bridge at 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and instream improvements.

Johnson Park restroom and parking lot bid was sent out today.

In May/June plan to advertise for bids for trail system with a 2023 construction start date.

Parks Division is working on playground improvements and amphitheater.

Engineering website will have construction updates posted starting early April.

Benjamin Avenue construction to begin April 4<sup>th</sup>. Lanes will be moving from four-lanes to two-lanes. Will start on east side of Riverside and progress to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Entire section from Benjamin to 1<sup>st</sup> Street up to Queen City Blvd. Then in 2023 the plan is to go from Queen City to almost 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Largest expense of the project will be the almost \$2 million to move overhead electrical to underground electrical. There will be no overhead at all on the south side of Benjamin, just the sub transmission line on north side will be exposed.

Andy Colvin arrived at 8:50 a.m.

#### Other Business

Rames started a discussion regarding festoon lighting downtown. Will have a meeting next week on Wednesday and would love to see something installed by the fall. Possible area would be from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Discussion followed on any feedback received from business owners or residents in regards to the parking downtown since we removed the parking passes. The City reported they have not heard anything. Stebbing reported a lot of overnight parking. Discussion followed regarding snow removal issues with overnight parking.

Board agreed that notification has not really happened to the public. Rames said this will happen after updates to the City code are complete.

Renter reported feedback from citizens they do not like the parking space loss that happened after the center walk through areas were put in. Rames suggested bicycle racks in that space to utilize it. Board responded positively to this suggestion.

Connie Geary left at 9:00 a.m.

Amy Renter left at 9:05 a.m.

Webb suggested addressing the storing of vehicles and trailers in the City owned parking lots.

Signage will be installed and pavement marking will happen once the weather is warmer.

Webb asked if the snow removal budget that was leftover, 28K, can be used for something else. Colvin suggested using it for downtown lighting.

Pat Carney left at 9:10 a.m.

#### Financials

Board reviewed invoices paid.



Adjourn

Bates moved, seconded by Stappert to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: John Stappert, Stephanie Bates, Doug Stebbing, and Justin Webb. Absent: Connie Geary and Pat Carney.

Next meeting will be April 21, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. in the Training Room at the City Administration Building.