

City of Mt. Pleasant

Mission-Pickard Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 3, 2019 10:00 AM
City Hall, Commission Chambers

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Smith at 10:01 am.

Present: Tim Coscarelly, John Hunter, Tom Krapohl, Doug LaBelle II, Margaret McAvoy, Lisa Orlando, Nancy Ridley, Jeff Smith (Chair), Robert VanDorin

Absent: Tim Driessnack (Vice Chair), Robby Roberts

Also attending: (Staff): Jacob Kain, Mary Ann Kornexl, William Mrdeza
(Guests): Paul Lippens (McKenna Assoc.), Jim McBryde (MMDC),
Irvin Wyche (McKenna Assoc.)

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by McAvoy, seconded by LaBelle, to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

III. Approval of the June 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ridley, seconded by Krapohl, to approve the June 6, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Old and New Business

A. Consultant Presentation and Board Discussion on the 70% Draft Master Plan

Mrdeza introduced Paul Lippens and Irvin Wyche from McKenna Associates, consultants for the City's master plan process. Lippens presented an overview of the layout and contents of the 70% draft master plan. The five books (or chapters) comprising the master plan document include:

1. Sustainable Land Use
2. Connected Mobility Systems
3. Focused Redevelopment

4. Exceptional Parks and Public Spaces
5. Innovative Services and Aspirations

Focusing on the Mission/Pickard corridor, Lippens explained the elements of the proposed Modern Boulevard concept for south Mission, the Thoroughfare Retrofit concept for north Mission, and the Multimodal Thoroughfare concept for Pickard Road. Lippens also noted a proposed Civic Gateway connecting downtown with CMU's campus at University and Illinois Streets.

During open discussion after the presentation, there were several topics that were addressed by Board members. These included the impact on retail by on-line competitors, including the associated delivery vehicles on Mission Street; the need to maintain traffic counts in order to attract business investment into the corridor; and what strategies might be employed to enhance pedestrian safety. Lippens also clarified that the concept for Mission Street included maintaining four lanes with a median strip in the middle to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians. The concept also included one row of on-street parking in either direction. Lippens also explained that the proposed roundabouts allowed for continuous traffic movement at slower overall speeds and also allowed for vehicles to conveniently access the opposite side of the street. Future final designs would refine the concept and address specific specifications as well as how roundabouts would interact with pedestrians, especially at the Broomfield intersection. Lippens noted that MDOT staff were open to further discussions on specific implementation strategies related to the concept plan.

Mrdeza reminded the Board that any additional comments on the Master Plan should be directed to him, preferably in writing, by November 15th. Lippens thanked the Board members for their continued participation in the process.

V. Other Business

Mrdeza confirmed that the DDA Board elected Jeff Smith as Chair and Tim Driessnack as Vice Chair at the May, 2019 DDA meeting. This question was addressed because of a discrepancy earlier in the meeting between the Agenda and the June meeting minutes. The June minutes correctly identified which member held what officer position.

VI. Public Comments

There were no public comments received or offered.

VII. Adjourn

There being no other business, **the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.**