

Downtown Development Committee:

Meeting Date: November 17th, 2014 at City Hall of Cold Spring

Next Meeting: December 8th at Side Bar.

Present: Nate Sauer, Dan Steil, Gary Theisen, Paul Hoeschen, Dan Kron, Ann Harren, Amy Brickweg, Lance Weber, Brian Lintgen, Lynn Schurman, Rick Bohannon

Meeting agenda focused on addressing concerns, creating a plan for gathering information and involving community.

1. Community Open House. The city and county will be hosting a community open house for the road project and the Downtown Committee will coincide with that. It will be held end of January or February. date is TBD.
2. What is the strategy for marketing around this project? Meaning, how will all those impacted (all residents, taxpayers, property owners, business owners) be aware of plans, financing, desired outcomes, and constructions schedules/detours/work-arounds. All notes from these committee meetings should be added to Chamber of Commerce web site and also printed in the Cold Spring Record. Flyers should be made and distributed for the open house.
3. The City's contract with Geoff Martin is now completed. The committee is withholding from making any other decisions regarding contracting more work with Geoff at the time being.
4. Agenda item was to make a list of what elements of the proposed streetscape we want, in what order. This will help City Council make decisions about which pieces are key to the overall vision, and which could be removed or delayed if funding is not available. It was determined that a cost analysis was required to do an effective breakdown. Brian Lintgen, Paul Hoeschen, Dan Steil, and Gary Theisen will meet with Geoff Martin before the next meeting to get a break down of all costs. This includes what the cost would be for the proposed work with no streetscape and a line item cost for all upgrades.
5. Chad Middendorf was unable to attend the meeting but had emailed prior to raise some concerns which were read during the meetings. Three main points were raised: Trees, bump-outs, and costs. Trees are still being debated, bump-outs might be an issue especially for Red River Ave as said by Brian Lintgen and the county - the county has most of the say in it and most likely will have issues with it. Semi traffic was a main concern for Main Street and bump-outs along with tighter streets and wider walkways. No conclusion was made on the topics but awareness was raised.

6. Funding - major topic of discussion. Came to the conclusion that we need costs breakdown for everything. That is why the four volunteers decided to get together and get that done. From there we will decide on funding and how we can approach city council. It was concluded that the city will use a bond to pay for their share of the project (2/3) (not including upgrades). The upgrades needs to be discussed with costs associated to them and brought up to council

7. Other topics -
 - Powerlines- Brian Lintgen is getting an estimate from Xcel Energy to bury powerlines. Three different options.
 - Time frame to get everything done (funding, streetscape final plans, etc.) Sept. 16th of 2015.

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