



## City of Faribault: Journey to 2040

*"Shaping our Future"*

### Downtown Steering Committee (DSC) Meeting #3 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose: Review draft downtown master plan

Meeting Date: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Location: Faribault City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

#### Meeting Goals:

- Review and provide feedback of draft downtown master plan
- Build consensus for plan elements

**DSC Attendees:** Royal Ross, Ann Vohs, Mike Richie, Janna Viscomi, Kay Duchene and Kara Sheesley

**City Staff:** Dave Wanberg and Tim Murray

**Consultant Staff:** Jay Demma, John Slack, and Samantha McKinney

#### Meeting Overview:

##### *Informing the Draft Master Plan*

Jay presented an overview of the meetings and public engagement to date that has influenced the draft downtown master plan.

##### *Overall Master Plan*

John presented an overview of the draft downtown master plan.

##### *River Development Concepts (Former Public Works Site):*

John presented a series of illustrative drawings that show the proposed development at and around the former public works site. Mike commented that he liked the style of drawings and thinks they are appropriate for the project.

##### *River Development Concepts (Viaduct Area):*

John presented a more detailed concept for the development north and south of the viaduct, along the river. Janna asked for more areas for young children to play be included. She also commented that she thinks there are drop off concerns, would like additional picnic areas, a performance pavilion near the bee lawn, lodging opportunities near a trail head, and exercise equipment under the viaduct. There was a group discussion about the ownership of the land under the viaduct. The general opinion was that it was available for redevelopment and should be included in the plan.

##### *Library/Faribault House Area Improvements:*

Graphics showing redevelopment near the library and a history walk were presented. There was a group discussion about the proposed redevelopment of the gas pumps. Perkins+Will was asked to investigate the space further for the final concept. The group also asked to expand the history walk across the river to the cheese caves. **Perkins+Will will update the concepts to reflect this feedback.**

##### *Central Avenue Improvements:*

John presented a series of illustrative graphics showing a more refined concept for Central Avenue streetscape. The committee discussed the best options for east-west bike lanes. Janna asked for it to be moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Others felt like 5<sup>th</sup> Street was

more appropriate. Perkins+Will will reevaluate the proposed connection. Janna asked to show greenspace near the Somali market instead of a driveway. The group discussed the impact proposed street trees would have on building signage on Central Ave.

The group also discussed the long-term need for the current Post Office facility location.

As a general note, Royal felt that the street labels were difficult to read and ask that they be updated before presenting to the public.

*P+W believes that this document accurately reflects the business transacted during the meeting. If any attendee believes that there are any inconsistencies, omissions or errors in the minutes, please notify Jay Demma at 612.851.5016 or [jay.demma@perkinswill.com](mailto:jay.demma@perkinswill.com)*