



City of Faribault: Journey to 2040 *"Shaping our Future"*

Project Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting #5 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose: Review DSC Meeting and upcoming PSC Meeting

Meeting Date: September 20th, 2018 Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Faribault City Hall – 3rd Floor Room

Action items are shown as bold, italic, and underlined items.

Meeting Goals:

- *Review of Community Advisory Group Meeting #1*
- *Review of Downtown Steering Committee Meeting #2*
- *Overview of Upcoming Parks Steering Committee Meeting #2*

POC Attendees: Janna Viscomi, Chuck Ackman, Steve Underdahl, Steve White, Kevin Voracek

City Staff: Dave Wanberg, Paul Peanasky and Tim Murray

Consultant Staff: Samantha McKinney

Meeting Overview.

Review of Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

Samantha presented the results from the Community Advisory Group Meeting #1 held on August 23rd, 2018 at South Central College. The group had a discussion about topic "Multi-Cultural Eateries". Chuck noted that Faribault could be known for this and could be a marketing opportunity.

Review of Downtown Steering Committee Meeting #2

An overview of the presentation given to the Downtown Steering Committee held on August 30th, 2018 was presented. Samantha presented a review of the concepts presented from the Downtown Design Charrette. Five major themes from the charrette activities were presented: Engaging the River, Multi-Modal Connectivity to Downtown, Public Realm, Housing, and Parking. Drawings and imagery for each of these themes were presented.

The feasibility of development in the area south of the viaduct was discussed. The history of flooding should be investigated and update the plan accordingly. The group liked the idea of the pedestrian promenade but would like to see bike facilities incorporated.

Steve Underdahl suggested that there is not a high demand for housing and the plan should show more open space. The group discussed the impact of the density along the river and don't want it to occur all at once. Janna expressed interest in more commercial space with less housing. She also requested additional parking.

The group discussed 2nd Street being designated as a bike lane. It is likely an old walking trail that has been converted.

The POC was not in favor of reverse angle parking and felt it would be challenging for the community to learn. There were mixed feelings about the proposed mid-block bump outs. The group collectively liked the improvements to the alleys.

Steve Underdahl requested seeing housing options outside of the Twin Cities metro area.

The group discussed the overall condition of the buildings downtown. A few people were in favor of looking into demolishing deteriorating buildings in order to create more public space and stronger connections to the alleys.

The meeting was adjourned early due to inclement weather in the area. The group was encouraged to provide any additional comments for the plans moving forward.

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