



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

Project Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting #8 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose: Provide updates on all three planning processes

Meeting Date: October 25, 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, Kevin Voracek, and Tom Spooner

City Staff: Dave Wanberg, Paul Peanasky and Deanna Kuennen

Consultant Staff: Jay Demma and Samantha McKinney

Meeting Overview.

Review of Parks Steering Committee Meeting #2:

Samantha presented an overview of the information provided at the second Parks Steering Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 4th, 2018. Janna asked if the trail system can have smaller loops within the neighborhoods, in addition to larger city-wide loops. Chuck asked if an updated Comprehensive Sidewalk Plan will be conducted as part of the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan. Dave explained that the city engineer will plan to update the city-wide sidewalk plan based on the trail work being prepared by Perkins+Will. Deanna asked if all parks in Faribault, not just city-owned can be included in the system plan. **Perkins+Will will work with city staff to provide additional park property information.** Kevin explained that he would like to see multi-age play equipment and more amenities at the dog park. He also asked to have the existing park profiles uploaded to the project website. **Perkins+Will will update the Journey to 2040 website to include this data.**

Review of Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting #1:

Jay provided an overview of the kick off meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 11th, 2018. Tom asked how all of three committees will inform each other's plans. Jay explained that each committee is being updated as decisions are made. Dave also confirmed that the City Council will approve the final plans. Chuck explained that areas currently designated for big box development may need to change as part of this process. Deanna asked if the areas of change identified during the kick off meeting will be the only ones identified in the Comprehensive Plan. Jay explained that additional areas will be studied as part of the planning process. Janna asked how the removal of current business will be addressed during the plan. Jay answered that it will be covered in the implementation plan.

Review of Downtown Steering Committee Meeting #3:

Samantha presented an overview of the materials covered at the third Downtown Steering Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 18th, 2018. Janna asked if the City has any intention of developing the former public works site for its own use. Deanna explained that the police looked at it briefly but decided against it. Currently, there is no City led programmed use for the site. Kevin asked if there was historic significance to the free standing wall at the site. Deanna said she will look into it further. Janna asked if the land uses need to change in order for development along the river to be successful. Jay explained that it does not but regulatory recommendations will be addressed as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Janna asked for more design options for the area under the viaduct. Deanna led a discussion about the importance of public art in the area. She suggested an area for public art that changes over time.

Deanna also asked for Perkins+Will to look at development opportunities for the block north of the library. **Perkins+Will will include a concept for the area as part of the overall Downtown Master Plan.** Janna also asked to see an overall walkability map that includes public restrooms, bus routes, and wayfinding. **Perkins+Will will incorporate this into the overall plan.**

Steve asked for a closer examination of Central Avenue, specifically the housing above the first floors. He felt that based on current household growth forecasts the downtown may not be able to support the full extent of housing and mixed use development shown. He suggested focusing development and redevelopment in key areas. Then, as the demand dictates, opening up other areas for development.

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