

Minutes of the Buffalo Community Development Committee held August 12, 2021.

Meeting called to order by Chair Trent Adams at 5:30, present members Judy Hammons, Kathy Hutchison, and Angie Gadzik.

Also, present Engineer Mike Janecek (via phone), Mayor Sally Rodriguez and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Street Scape

Mike Janecek updated the Committee explaining that he would begin surveying the area for the street scape and then the committee would need to decide some factors on the design.

1. Additional parking.
2. Sidewalk width. There are some size limitations on the east end of the project whereas the west end has adequate room for design.
3. Placing the electric underground and where the existing power is coming from.
4. Creating flood proof designs.
5. Distance for lighting fixtures.
6. Amenities:
 - a. Benches
 - b. Sound
 - c. Trash receptacles

Mike will provide another update next month.

Camp Abe Lincoln

Members discussed the outcome from this year. At City Hall there were concerns with the registration process for information, limited opportunities, and the first come first serve options for sign up. There are so many students that want to go and so few spaces available.

They discussed obtaining input from campers and parents. Also having a discussion with Nick Martinez from the Y to review this year's project.

The committee also considered donating toward the camp with the school designating the students that should attend.

Angie Gadzik will schedule either the September or October meeting around Nick's schedule so that we can have discussions on next year's program.

Future New Youth Activities

Committee asked if there were any thoughts on future activities planned. Members questioned if there was a Halloween parade planned, or the Halloween event that Mallory organizes.

Leonard explained that her kids had an idea of a treasure/scavenger hunt if anyone thought that was a good idea, they would work on something and have a better plan for the next meeting. The committee showed interest in the activity.

Buffalo Bucks

Mallory wasn't present to update us on the Buffalo Bucks project.

Boat Docks

Leonard explained that she had researched some funding opportunities for boat accesses and there were some good opportunities out there. She also said that she reached out to Denise at Bi-State and she was helping align some meetings with IDOT and the Railroad. We needed to consider the options to improve the current dock or to expand the river access to the Maple Street crossing and develop an entirely new access. She will update them after the meeting with the railroad.

No public input.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Hammons to adjourn at 6:19. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by City Clerk, Tanna Leonard.