

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting February 14, 2023.

Members present: Mary Moore, Angela Gadzik, Judy Hammons.

Also present: Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Austin Miller.

Mary Moore acted as Chairperson calling the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

1. School Request for Funding – Buffalo Elementary Student Council will be presenting a request for funds to be used toward installment of a Gaga Ball pit at the elementary school. They were not available to be present and provide details. The Committee expressed an openness to forwarding this funding request to the City Council after getting the details from the school. Hammons stated a preference that any funds being allocated to this project would depend on the Student Council being able to secure other sources of funding as well.

2. Streetscape Project – The Committee reviewed the itemized cost projections provided by City Engineer Mike Janecek as broken down for each of the current three sections of the project (West side of town from Franklin to Elm, East side of town from Franklin to Dodge, Casey's plaza). In discussion of the evolution of the scope of the project, all members expressed a desire to see the updated cost projections if the landscaping and color stamping were left out of the first phase of the project, potentially to be completed at a later date. Miller expressed a concern for the durability of the color stamped concrete. Gadzik will forward a request to Janecek for updated cost projections reflecting a potentially multi-phased project which would include only basic sidewalks and updated street lamps in the first phase, with landscaping and additional benches segregated into later phases. The Committee will schedule a meeting with representatives from Bi-State Regional Commission to research potential funding sources for the project prior to presenting to City Council.

3. Future Projects – Gadzik suggested generating discussion with the City Clerk and Public Works Director to become better informed regarding anticipated challenges in the City's financial landscape and physical infrastructure needs.

Moore moved and Gadzik seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:44.