

Five Fifths TIF Advisory Committee March 31, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Dwayne MacEwen
Heather Bublick
Scott Mangum
Virna Garcia
Bobby Burns

Not Present

Nichole Pinkard
Michael Dykes

Ex Officio Staff Present

Paul Zalmezak
Sarah Flax

Additional City Staff Present

Lara Biggs, City Engineer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order after a tour of DMAC Architecture & Interiors offices at 6:45 by Paul Zalmezak

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approved

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. TIF Supported Infrastructure - Lara Biggs, City Engineer, Public Works

Presentation Posted

Biggs presented infrastructure

Virna asked about power lines / (including power lines on residential streets)
Discuss with Lara - cost per linear mile / linear foot, etc.

Burns suggested bike lanes to address difficult vehicular aspect

Heather - extended bike path

Flax - EV charging stations

Parking. Lot by skate park - restripe and extend (MWRD?)

Burns would like staff to present on potential to implement heated sidewalks including a review of available technology, suitability in our climate, cost and benefits, and perhaps implement a pilot program. (future presentation date tbd)

What impact would closing off the Ashland spur off of Green Bay Road (currently there is a landscaped triangle area with a sculpture. Perhaps closing off ashland would provide more space for skate park and business district events / food trucks, etc.

Street /traffic calming at Emerson - perhaps implementing a safe routes to school with assigned crossing guards / pedestrian crossing markings / blinker signs - TBD.

Does the city have a Bike racks standards? New transportation and mobility coordinator will present at a future meeting. Today, racks are generally placed when businesses ask for racks to be located nearby, after determining if site is suitable.

Zalmezak will send meeting notes to group members, perhaps create a survey or a notes gathering mechanism (subject to FOIA / Open Meeting Act requirements)

"Dwayne - "pixie dust" creative process to come up with unique ideas" - perhaps host a brainstorming session at a future meeting.

B. Review Housing Rehab Program - Sarah Flax, Community Development Director

Sarah to send notes about program details

Burns - idea/brainstorm - use TIF funding to support staff person to oversee housing support / TIF housing funding programs

Green homes pilot - building envelope - insulation for example.

Post AMI on website

Another idea, accessory dwelling unit (ADU) - tif could cover 50 % cost very low income adu occupant

Mangum suggested staff complete a Five Fifths TIF existing conditions map with residential count, business inventory, and other uses.

C. Small Business Grant Review - Paul Zalmezak, Economic Development Manager

To present at next meeting, out of time.

D. Evanston Thrives - Paul Zalmezak, Economic Development Manager To present at next meeting, out of time.

E. Parking Study

Councilmember Burns reported the the study is complete. He along with staff are analyzing potential changes and seeking additional community input. Some parking will be removed from south side of Simpson to accommodate the new Fifth Ward school. The MWRD lot next to the skate park will be patched, seal coated and striped, but timing to be determined.

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