



## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Chambers and Via Zoom  
Tuesday, December 1st, 2020 at 4:00 PM

### MINUTES

Present (9): Dan Becker, Deanna Genske, Courtney Hansen, Staate Hayward, June Kramer, Ralph Kramer, Mayor Justin Nickels, Ben Stalvey, Ken Sitkiewitz

Absent (3): Janet Breuer, Jennifer Estrada, Katherym Feo

Minutes: Stacey Groll, Assistant to the Mayor

- I. Call meeting to order
  - a. Meeting was called to order by Dan Becker at 4:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of November Meeting Minutes
  - a. Approved
- III. Introduction of Sonia Vasquez
  - a. Sonia has been invited by Mayor Nickels and the Committee Chair to be a member of this committee
  - b. Sonia is here to get a flavor of what these meetings are like, and whether or not she would be interested
  - c. Sonia is the president of Lakeshore United Visionaries (LUV), an artist, and has lived in Manitowoc since the age of 9
- IV. Community Update / Mayor Nickels Budget Update
  - a. Cannot re-do railroad crossings until they put their money up first
  - b. Council ended up deciding to put money into Washington Street; hopefully 4 blocks worth, but will be dependent on how bids come back
  - c. Property tax decrease
  - d. Trees and brush being eliminated on River Point District
  - e. Fountain and curve on 8<sup>th</sup> and Maritime – likely no more island
  - f. Tax bills being sent soon
  - g. New Finance Director/Treasurer Shawn Alfred – lives in Manitowoc; Steve Corbeille will be retiring January 9, 2021
    - i. Shawn will come and present at a future meeting
  - h. Custer Street will likely be a summer long project
  - i. Washington Street – all sidewalks have to be handicap accessible, trees will stay in, no underground work being done
  - j. 2 grants received: \$750,000 in HAP grant funding for the carferry dock weights, which

stabilize the platform, and \$1.25M in HAP grant funding for Konecranes; this money will assist with infrastructure rail needed by Konecranes to stay in Manitowoc – the goal is to keep this company here

- k. Brix will be opening soon
- l. Grant from State for Petskull Brewing to occupy building west of 10<sup>th</sup> and Buffalo carwash, cream city brick building
- m. Working with two developers for River Point District
- n. Interest from developers located outside of our area
- o. Ice skating rink this winter downtown
- p. Quay Street will remain 2 way; long-term, IF 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> were to ever go to being 2-way streets, Quay would be Hwy 10
- q. Finishing up downtown – will be working on neighborhoods
- r. Update on the Wharf – there will be an actual structure, indoor plumbing, indoor and outdoor bar, and was rezoned a few months ago
- s. Alderwoman Hansen has announced she is not running for re-election in April 2021, so the District 10 seat will be open
- t. Other Aldermanic districts up for re-election include Vanderkin, McMeans, Novak, and Bailey

V. Discussion 2021 Activities

- a. Mayor Nickels would like to revisit the City's mission/vision statement
- b. Mayor Nickels would like to revive the Diversity Committee – unsure what that will look like at this point; could be a division of this committee, or a whole new committee
- c. Deanna Genske volunteered, and committee approved, her presenting at the January meeting about Ascend Services and changes that have been made
- d. Hmong presentation may be re-scheduled for February 2021
- e. Candidates forum can be held in March 2021
- f. PJ from CCC could be a guest speaker in April 2021
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer Shawn Alfred could be a guest speaker in May 2021

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 01/05/21 at 4 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom