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 8th 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 10th 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 8th and 10th 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