

OCTOBER 19TH, 2021

City Council Meeting

Comments & Position Statements

I15 – Approve award of change order #2 to contract 19-112

COMMENT ONLY

Ann Montgomery - I was surprised that the scope of services does not specifically address whether the design work should be in compliance with the Naperville Downtown 2030 Plan. If higher density downtown is part of the plan the expansion of the water mains should be addressed now. Furthermore, adding bike lanes should part of the plan. The existing bike routes are not realistic. Use Google maps for a bike route, as many kids would, and it does not mesh with the designated bike routes. Naperville needs to stop being so car centric and make real bike lanes that people could use to commute for work or simply to the library. Naperville ranks 123 out of 200 for best biking cities per LawnStarter's 2021 rankings. We can do much better.

Marilyn L Schweitzer - The Downtown Streetscape project is not simply a beautification project. It is needed for infrastructure, accessibility, safety, and environmental improvements as well. The 11/23/2020 budget meeting delayed the project from 2021, but did not commit to any future plan. Based on staff's notes, it seems staff and some majority of those in attendance at an October, 2021 DNA meeting believe the best timing for this would be in 2022. (The dates in the text are confusing. March 1, 2022 through August 1, 2022 is 21 weeks and 6 days. It is less than the 24 weeks mentioned. It is after the estimated completion date of January 31, 2022.) It is unfortunate details of the discussions that staff had with downtown business owners, Downtown Naperville Alliance (DNA), and Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce (NACC) were not included. It is unfortunate no reference or drawings of this project were presented to help establish context and the vision of the project. It is unfortunate only approval of the contract is being asked without any cost/benefit analysis regarding delaying the project. It seems yet again decisions are being asked to be made with little supporting data and little long term planning.

I17 – Approve recommended adjustment to non-union employee ranges

COMMENT ONLY

Marilyn L Schweitzer - Please adjust the pay ranges to make Naperville competitive with other municipalities.

I20 – Approve prelim/final plat of subdivision & OAA for Jelinek Subdivision at 1107 N Eagle St

COMMENT ONLY

Marilyn L Schweitzer - The text claims that the "subdivision will allow for preservation of the existing single-family residence on Lot 1 and allow for construction of a new single-family residence on Lot 2" and that the "Petitioner is required to remove the portion of the driveway that encroaches on Lot 2 and create a new driveway on Lot 1 prior to the recordation of the preliminary/final subdivision plat." Has anyone checked whether this is physically possible to achieve without tearing down the existing residence or requiring variances on Lot 1 for the driveway? The garage for Lot 1 opens towards the side yard, not the front. Moving the driveway seems to preclude use of the garage.

O1 – Approve Public Art Exploratory Task Force to create Naperville Arts Committee & Arts Program

COMMENT ONLY

Marilyn L Schweitzer - The Public Art Exploratory Task Force's recommendation to create a Naperville Arts Committee and a Naperville Arts Program would be better than what we have now which is virtually nothing compared to the well governed programs of other municipalities. But, like many of the recent creation of entities like the Senior Task Force, Accessible Community Task Force, Naperville Environmental Sustainability Task Force, and the Downtown Advisory Task Force, there is far too little opportunity for public input and sound governance. Task Forces and Committees should not be formed simply as a way to skirt the Open Meetings Act as seems to be the case. As I suggested last year each task force or committee City Council endorses must have some consistency and means to ensure transparency and open public involvement. The Naperville Arts Committee, if approved, and every existing Task Force should minimally: 1) Have a page on the city website that describes purpose, meeting information, and an email contact. 2) Have a publicly stated city staff contact or City Council member on the task force's city website page. 3) Have a mission, vision, membership criteria, and bylaws that are publicly posted. 4) Have a criteria as to how long it will be in effect. 5) Have meetings listed as city events. 6) Have a way to sign up for meeting notices that is posted on their city website page. 7) If they have a newsletter that it be posted and may be subscribed to. 8) Have meeting agendas and minutes open to the public to peruse. This may be on the non-city website, but should be linked to their city website page. 9) Have quarterly reports posted on their city website page. 10) If the the task force maintains public information beyond the city's website, that links to the public information be placed on their city website page.