



City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, June 24, 2019

7:00 PM

Meeting Rooms A & B

Workshop: Comprehensive Plan

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chirico called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m

Mayor and City Council Members Present: Chirico, Brodhead, Hinterlong, Krummen, Gustin, Coyne, Kelly, Sullivan
Absent: White

Other Commission, Board, and Task Force Members Present:

Advisory Commission on Disabilities: Michael Heyden, Michael Briggs, Sunel Siddiqui, Barbara Stark (also ACTF)

Accessible Community Task Force: Jorgen Phillips, Gary Smith

Downtown Advisory Commission: Tom Miers, Steve Rubin

Environmental and Sustainability Task Force: Barbara Benson, Jodi Trendler

Housing Advisory Commission: Linda Kuhn, Mark Rice

Historic Preservation Commission: Chris Jacks, Carrie Doyle, Kevin Peterson

Planning and Zoning Commission: Bill Habel, Bruce Hanson

Riverwalk Commission: Patt Kennedy, Geoff Roehl

Senior Taskforce: Jim Hill

Transportation Advisory Board: Tim Fischer, Greg Gustin, David Preissig

Staff Present: City Manager Krieger, Deputy City Manager Schatz, City Attorney DiSanto, Director of TED Novack, Director of DPU-E Podlesny, Director of DPU-W Blenniss, Deputy Director of TED Laff, Operations Manager of TED Emery, Community Planner Kopinski, Riverwalk Administrator Erickson

Houseal Lavigne Associates: John Houseal, Devin Lavigne, Paul Finn

Approximately 13 members of the public in attendance.

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

Pam (last name not recorded) - introduced herself as a 30 year resident and expressed her interest in the future of Naperville.

Julie Berkowicz - reiterated resident focus on open space as expressed during the June 17th Comprehensive Plan public workshop held at the 95th Street Library. Residents also expressed concerns with traffic issues, such as the intersection of Route 59 & Champion Drive.

C. COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP:

1. Conduct the joint City Council/Board and Commission Workshop related to the City's update to the Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan

Mayor Chirico turned the workshop over to Houseal Lavigne Associates.

Devin Lavigne introduced himself, his firm, and his prior work in Naperville. Lavigne provided an overview of the comprehensive planning process and the purpose of public input in relation to the plan update. Lavigne also provided an overview of the purpose of a comprehensive plan and how it is used.

John Houseal led the input process which included the discussion of 4 questions.

1st Question: All Council, Board, Commission and Task Force attendees present were asked to identify five issues or concerns facing the City of Naperville. Members shared 62 items with the consultant, including the importance of housing options/affordability, commercial viability, transportation/alternative transportation options, strong tax base, remaining desirable as a City to families, cultural diversity, public safety, historic preservation, infrastructure planning, accessibility, and others.

2nd Question: All Council, Board, Commission and Task Force attendees were then asked to pick their top 3 most important issues of the 62 issues shared thus far. Those items with the highest votes were (1) 5th Avenue Development, (2) affordable housing, and (3) facilities and services for those with special needs.

3rd Question: All Council, Board, Commission and Task Force attendees were asked to identify three specific projects or actions that they would like to see undertaken to improve the City of Naperville. Each member present shared 1 item with the consultants.

4th Question: All Council, Board, Commission and Task Force attendees were asked to identify the primary strengths and assets of the City of Naperville. Items shared included parks, schools, library system, multi-generational nature of city, Naperville brand, increasing diversity, community involvement, safe neighborhoods and low crime, adaptability to change, open minded City leadership, North Central College, and small-town feel.

Following discussion of the questions, Lavigne provided an overview of the remaining opportunities for public input, including resident and business surveys, DIY kits, and an online mapping tool.

Jim Hill asked the consultants if the feedback shared tonight was consistent with that shared at the public workshops. Lavigne noted that tonight's feedback was similar, but had a higher level of specificity, than that shared at the public workshops.

Barbara Benson asked if there will be additional workshops. Houseal noted that there will be a public meeting once preliminary recommendations have been formulated. This will allow for more specific public feedback to be shared based on the concepts presented. Lavigne noted that there will be no further workshops/meetings scheduled with the commissions, boards, and task forces; however, each can continue to attend public meetings and correspond with City staff.

Jodi Trendler asked when the DIY kits need to be completed. Lavigne noted that they should be completed by the end of August.

D. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.