



DOWNTOWN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE May 11, 2023 Draft Minutes

In attendance: Chair: Randy Herbertson; Members: Ken Bernhard, Maxwell Crowley, Donna Douglass, Thomas Kiely, Matthew Mandell, Nick Marsan, Johanna Martell, Deirdre O'Farrelly, Jenna Petok, Gately Ross, Dina Upton, Mary Young; Staff: Andrés A. Lapadula

Chair called meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

I. Opening Remarks - Chair

A. Overall Meeting Goals

Chair reviewed purpose and history of Downtown Plan Implementation Committee (DPIC), explaining general strategic priorities of the plan, including parking optimization, pedestrian access and safety, and sustainability and flood resilience. He also reviewed the history and manner of public input opportunities and results. Matthew Mandell shared concerns expressed to Chamber of Commerce. Mary Young remarked Planning & Zoning Commission's upcoming meetings, where this project will be on the agenda, will be a proper forum for some of those concerns. Chair emphasized [Traffic Study](#).

B. Approval of Minutes ([4/2023 Meeting](#))

Motion to Approve April 13, 2023 Minutes: Petok

Second: Crowley

Vote: UNANIMOUS

II. Strategic Priority Review

A. Downtown Lots Design Master Plan -Reconnecting the Riverfront

1. [Langan Staus - Parker Harding](#)

Achan Sookying of Langan Engineering presented 70% schematic. Responded to questions from committee members regarding various potential reductions or additions in materials or particular fixtures.

2. Arts Advisory Sub-Committee

Dina Upton gave an update on the public art component of Parker Harding, including the potential involvement of local artists for Committee review at subsequent meetings. Chair reminded committee members and the public that this would be supported by private funding.

B. Public Comment

Committee heard and responded to comments from the public regarding the plans, potential parking usage strategies, and communication with stakeholders. Chair encouraged merchants to collectively coordinate their ideas through the Westport Downtown Association, such as paid parking opportunities, and to continue to be aware of public meetings to voice concerns.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Fava

Second: Ross

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Randy Herbertson, Chair
Downtown Plan Implementation Committee
May 17, 2023