

Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 02/22/2024

Council Members

Gene Achziger

Matt Mahoney

Jeremy Nutting (absent)

City Staff

Tim George, Interim City Manager

Tyler Beekley, Acting Public Works Director

Nicole Nordholm, Director of Comm Events/Services

Katy Bevegni, Assistant Harbor Master

Matthew Hutchins, Acting City Attorney

Taria Keane, City Clerk

Sara Lee, Deputy City Clerk

Jodi Grager, Admin Coordinator I

**Guests: Mayor Traci Buxton, Councilmembers Harry Steinmetz and Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Chuck Coleman**

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm on February 22, 2024 in the Council Chambers

Agenda (Amended)

1. Selection of Chair/Vice Chair (Delayed until next meeting)
2. Approval of 09.28.2023 Minutes
3. 2024 Municipal Facilities Committee Work Plan
4. Wesley Overpass Signage
5. Memorial Flag Triangle Update

Meeting:

1. Selection of Chair/Vice Chair will be moved to the next agenda due to Councilmember Nutting's absence.
2. The 09.22.2022 Municipal Facilities Minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Acting Public Works Director Tyler Beekley reviewed the 2024 Work Plan. (Attachment #2)
4. Wesley Homes Skybridge Signage Options were presented. The signage will be in lieu of a fee for the use of the aerial right-of-way. The pillar at the left of the span has been designed and accepted by Wesley Homes. The six options for City messaging may be combined, if necessary, to create a recommendation. Committee members discussed lighting, scale of lettering, use of the sailboat logo, wording and placement and the decorative flags. Interim City Manager Tim George indicated that once council input has been received staff will provide feedback to the Wesley Homes design team.

5. Acting PW Director Beekley announced that the Memorial Flag Triangle project is close to engaging with the public to seek their opinions on the improvements. The goal is to create more of a plaza rather than the existing sidewalk, replace aging components and facilitate on-going maintenance of the park. Engineering staff contacted the Des Moines Memorial Drive Preservation Association and will incorporate their suggestions as possible. Irrigation will be installed. An online public survey is planned. Concern about creating a destination adjacent to busy roadways was discussed.

The Committee agreed to receive comments from Citizen Chuck Coleman. He appreciates the efforts to make improvements at the Des Moines Memorial Flag Triangle and suggested that it would be wonderful to have a southern gateway into the City in the Redondo area. Mr. Coleman inquired if there is an inventory of all City owned properties. Interim City Manager George indicated that a list is provided to the insurance company. Mr. Coleman also advocated for a CIP budget presentation which would define project funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Grager, Public Works Admin Coordinator