

## Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 07/25/2024

### Council Members

**Jeremy Nutting, Chair**  
**Matt Mahoney, Vice-Chair**  
**Gene Achziger**

### City Staff

**Tim George, Interim City Manager**  
**Mike Slevin, Public Works Director**  
**Tommy Owen, City Engineer**  
**Laura Hopp, Admin Coordinator I**

**Guests: Bill Lindscott**

Meeting called to order: 4:00 pm on July 25, 2024 in the Council Chambers

### **Agenda**

1. Approval of 06.27.2024 Minutes
2. Marina Steps Update
3. CIP Projects Update

### **Meeting:**

1. The 06.27.2024 Municipal Facilities Minutes were approved as submitted.
2. Tommy Owen, City Engineer provided Marina Steps renderings and a civil sheet for the Committee's review. The design work is at 60% completed. Staff are providing comments to the consultant team along with regular meetings for detail updates. Mr. Owen announced that a Stormwater Grant has been awarded for up to \$500,000 to fund the expenses related to implementing the bio retention swales. The grant will eventually be brought to full council for acceptance. Staff are continuing to coordinate with PSE for undergrounding utilities which is a high priority item in order to avoid impacting a construction timeline. The renderings incorporated play elements based on public input from outreach events. An amended task assignment with the design consultant is on the agenda at tonight's council meeting. This will be related to the design refinements on the splash pad, the park area north of the steps and Cliff Avenue for removal of existing PSE poles. The committee discussed:
  - Crosswalk location
  - ARPA funding timeline
  - Request for additional public input regarding the park features
  - Return on Investment
  - Parcel A of the Marina and potential loss of commercial/retail zoning property
  - Long term goal of interconnectivity for Marina and Downtown Core
3. City Engineer Tommy Owen stated that the CIP Update is limited due to the unavailability of staff to attend tonight's meeting (see Item #3 Attachment for 2024 MCI CIP Project Updates). The Field Park Play Equipment was reviewed. The delay in construction is primarily due to the berm slide

design issue which has been resolved. The committee discussed using temporary fencing around the construction area in order to allow use of the installed play equipment. Staff have considered this, however, the timeline for construction completion is likely 6-8 weeks which provides limited benefits of temporary fencing and related safety concerns. The committee also received information on the Des Moines Memorial Flag Triangle project. Councilmember Achziger requested additional details regarding public input on this project. The Committee requested an update on the Founder's Lodge which Interim City Manager Tim George provided. He stated Highline School District is considering use of this building for a satellite school. It is possible the City could enter into a long-term lease agreement which would include the cost of building repairs paid by HSD. Other projects were briefly summarized – Sun Home Lodge and the Redondo Fishing Pier.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Grager, Public Works Admin Coordinator