

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Decorah City Council – Community Betterment & Housing Committee

Chair Zittergruen, Hadley, Luse, Schissel

Monday, December 6, 2021

5:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

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Attending; Zittergruen, Hadley, Luse, Schissel: also attending; Mayor Borowski, Johnson, and Neal

1. Discussion on Downtown Parklets

Bril presented a summary of last year's parklet program and participation of only one business, inquiries by four. Bril then presented two options of the city owning parklets, either pre-manufactured and purchased or city staff manufacturing a similar structure of steel framing and decking. Discussion was had on partnering with businesses for cost share; and on sole use or public use. Zittergruen to conduct informal survey of downtown business.

2. Discussion on Bicycle Racks

Bril noted that last year, the city owned corral-style bicycle racks were not put out, because it was anticipated that businesses would want additional parking stalls used for parklets. Discussion was had on whether place existing corral-style racks or consider single post or multiple post racks on sidewalk and where they would go. Consensus was to use corral-style and staff to determine locations.

3. Discussion on Downtown Dyed Stamped Concrete

Bril presented the current practice of dyed stamped concrete edging behind the curb downtown, does not meet the ADA requirements for sidewalk, so cannot be counted as part of the travel path. Discussion was had and consensus reached on moving forward, to install dyed flat concrete to include as part of the sidewalk.

4. Discussion on Crucial Pedestrian Connections/Sidewalk Installation Targets

Bril presented the current concentric circle approach to install missing sidewalk segments and an alternative of targeted routes identified by council. Consensus was shifting towards targeted routes, but not losing sight of the concentric circles. Discussion was had on possible cost share with the City, specifically along targeted routes. Consensus was to not share costs with property owner, as all are required to maintain a sidewalk.