

CITY OF BRIDGMAN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2021
5:30 PM

A regular meeting of the Corridor Improvement Authority was held on January 11, 2021 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Chair Anderson at 5:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hannah Anderson, Beth McNeil, Wayne Hall, Cheri Heward, Suzy Barnes, John Murphy, Catherine Worcester

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm

Chair Anderson read aloud the meeting procedures and how the public can comment.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- No one was present in the audience.

Approval of December 14, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion by Member Murphy, seconded by Member Heward to approve the December 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Barnes, Hall, Heward, McNeil, Murphy, Worcester, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Beautification and flowers in 2021 – proposal presented by Corinne Tucker, Arcadia Gardens LLC

Corrine went through the proposal for flower planting this year. After reviewing the comments that Ganum sent her, she made a few modifications to the designs. Some of the changes that were made were as follows:

- Remove a few of the plants in the inground planters to make them look less busy.
- Purchase larger mandevilla plants for the center of the above ground planters to allow them to grow along the trellis better. Go with the color red this year instead of the pink.
- Control the growth better with more maintenance.
- Keep the above ground planters at the beach similar to last year.
- Keep the installation of annuals in the tree beds. Everyone agreed to keep the zinnias for that.
- Went through the cost estimate for everything.
- The Department of Public Service will remove the tree stumps this year.

Motion by Member Barnes, seconded by Member Worcester to approve the proposal as presented with the alterations listed above,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Heward, McNeil, Murphy, Worcester, Anderson, Barnes, Hall

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Chair Anderson inquired about the cost of the flowers and having some of the charges allocated to the Parks and General Fund. Ganum stated the Parks Department can help by absorbing \$2,000 for some of the planters at the beach. The Parks Department will be taking care of watering the planters again this year. One pot can be allocated as a trial of the installation of microtubing from the irrigation system. Member Worcester shared with the board a few ideas for the new seating area by Accents. Maybe install a trellis with flowers or do a raised bed with vegetables. The board discussed several options. Ganum stated the Parks Department can also oversee watering that additional area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan – review survey responses

Ganum went over some of the recent survey responses that were received after the last meeting. The board now has until May instead of February to finish the updated plan. There still has been no survey responses from any businesses.

The board discussed a few additional items:

- Different ways that the entrance to the beach can be spruced up along with the Water Plant building and the space around it. Ganum can ask Kading and Ball what they can do to spruce up their spaces.
- What can be done with MDOT and their staging area to make the circle area by Rambo Road and Red Arrow Highway look nicer. Get ahold of MDOT to see what can be done with the invasive species that are growing in that space.
- Keep the survey open until the end of the month and bring the final results to the board next month.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Staff Update

- The board should watch the next council meeting where Ryan Kilpatrick will be doing a presentation on affordable housing and give advice and guidance to the city.
- Casey's is ready to break ground in April and should only take four months to build.
- The Sunset Tool building is going to be closing with Oronoko Ironworks. New owner Rusty Riley is eager to join the community.
- The Early Bird reopened in South Bend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Allyson Holm, City Clerk