

Economic Sustainability Committee

DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Ante Room at 4:30pm

Attendance:

Councillor Mike Britton, Chair

Mayor Walter Sendzik ~ arrived at 4:36 p.m.

Dan Romanko (Chair, Downtown Development Revitalization Advisory Committee - DDRAC)

Mike Sullivan (Chair, Parking Advisory Committee)

Jim Riddell (Director, Planning and Building Services) ~ arrived at 4:42 p.m.

Kristine Douglas (Director of Financial Management Services)

Guests:

Brian York, Director of Economic Development and Government Relations

Marco Marino, Economic Development Officer

Regrets:

Councillor Mat Siscoe

Judy Pihach – (staff liaison) DDRAC

Staff Liaisons:

Leanne Kurek – Recording Secretary, ESC

Steve Bittner – (staff liaison) Parking Advisory

1. The Chair, Councillor Britton called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. Motion to approve the agenda

That the Economic Sustainability Committee adopt the agenda as presented

Moved by: Mike Sullivan

Carried

3. Motion to approve the ESC minutes from: May 24, 2018.

Moved by: Kristine Douglas

Carried
4. Business arising from the ESC minutes - NA

5. Business

5.1 Parking Advisory update ~ Mike Sullivan

- Downtown Parking Report
 - Council referred the report back to staff.
 - Make the focus of the report the parking strategy.
 - Key staff members to focus on the parking structure and report back to council in Q1 of 2019.

Motion to receive the presentation from the Parking Advisory Committee.

Moved by: Dan Romanko

Carried

5.1 DDRAC update ~ Dan Romanko

- Downtown Indicators Report
 - Going to council on Sept 24.
- Open Streets Event
 - It was held on August 12, 2018.
 - Committee felt it was a success.
 - Next year they will advertise more.
- St. Paul Innovation Program
 - Committee endorsed the program.
- 201 St. Paul St proposal
 - 7 story development – offices with ground floor retail.
 - Committee supports the proposal.

ACTION:

DDRAC would like a second opportunity to comment on the Downtown Parking study. Staff to present information and take comments at the October 17th meeting. Judy Pihach to add to agenda and invite staff to attend.

Motion to receive the presentation from the DDRAC

Moved by: Mike Sullivan

Carried

6. Comments on Pillar Structure:

- Lack of councillor attendance at the advisory committees
 - Councillors encouraged to attend advisory committees to listen and give input when required.
 - Councillors to continue not to have a voting role at advisory committee level.
- Advisory committees need more clarity regarding decision making and recommendations.
- Staff as voting members to be reviewed.
- Staff to act in an advising capacity versus voting at Pillar meetings.
- Flow of minutes to the Pillar and Council.
- Review of committees –
 - Parking advisory could fall under a 'transportation advisory committee' which would look at all transportation including parking and possibly active transportation.
- City department work plans to be fed through Pillar committee for comments and then sent to council.
- City staff to work with committees to develop their work plans
 - Staff as a resource
 - Committee have input on workplans
- Increase meeting frequency from 4 times a year. Suggested 6 times a year.
- Communication
 - City to inform the public what the committees are doing.
 - Communication channel to be established – website, blog post by Chair following meetings.

ACTION:

Comments to be sent to the Clerk's office for consideration for the next term of council to assist with committee structure and mandate.

- 7. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018.
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ante Room

8. Motion to adjourn

That the Economic Sustainability Committee be adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Sullivan

Carried