

**MINUTES
DECATUR CITY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting
March 18, 2024
City Hall: 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Garrett called the Regular Meeting of the Decatur City Commission to order at 7:33 p.m. on Monday March 18, 2024.

PRESENT: Mayor Garrett, and Commissioners Dusenbury, Mayer and Walsh; and City Manager Arnold.

ABSENT: Mayor pro tem Powers.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2024, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Walsh; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all present voting “aye.”

Chief of Staff Meredith Roark invited Decatur Youth Council (DYC) co-chair Robert Nobles and Secretary Qaden Daise to speak about the success of the inaugural Fair on the Square event held on Saturday, March 16th. Mr. Nobles and Ms. Daise explained that the event was the DYC’s spring project and expressed that they were pleased that families enjoyed the event.

Mayor Garrett praised the Decatur Youth Council’s efforts and expressed hope that the Fair on the Square could become an annual event.

PROCLAMATION.

Mayor Garrett read a proclamation that recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month and presented a copy of the proclamation to representatives of the Decatur Prevention Initiative’s Youth Action team. They read a statement on the purpose of their organization and presented gifts to the City Commission.

SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES.

Legacy Decatur Programs Manager Dymond Generette recommended approval of temporary licenses for the sale of beer and wine at the following annual events sponsored by non-profit organizations at Decatur Legacy Park: an April 12 cocktail hour co-hosted by Legacy Decatur and the Wylde Center; an April 13 spring event highlighting Legacy Decatur’s partner non-profit organizations; an April 27 event for the Wylde Center’s annual fundraiser; and Tuesdays in May and September (May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28, September 3, September 10, September 17, September 24) for Legacy Decatur’s Truckin Tuesday events.

On a motion by Commissioner Mayer; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all present voting “aye,” the licenses were approved as recommended.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE.

City Manager Arnold recommended the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for the retail sale in original package of beer and wine to Samuel Pilch and Madeline Long for Vine

Fine Wine ATL, LLC, 335 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite B. City Manager Arnold stated that the application had been approved by the Decatur Police Department and that all fees had been paid.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Garrett, Planning and Economic Development Director Angela Threadgill clarified that retail businesses that sold alcohol were required to devote at least 50% of their floor area to food or food-related products.

On a motion by Commissioner Walsh; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all present voting “aye,” the license was approved as recommended.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS.

Planning and Zoning Manager Kc Krzic presented recommendations from the Planning Commission for a conditional use permit and a special exception height variance for twelve townhomes at 111 Church Street. Ms. Krzic noted that the conditional use permit for townhomes is in accordance with the C-2 zoning at the proposed location, and that the special exception request was for an increase in building height from 40 feet to 50 feet. She stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit with two conditions: 1.) the proposed inclusionary dwelling units follow the guidelines listed in the Unified Development Ordinance Section 6.3.1.F.2b, and 2.) that all tree canopy cover conservation requirements be planted on-site rather than payments to the Tree Canopy Fund. She also stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the special exception.

The applicant, Andrew Rutledge with Office of Design, noted that in the C-2 zoning district, all building types except townhomes were allowed to be up to 80 feet tall. Mr. Rutledge explained that the proposed project comprised two buildings, with one facing Church Street and the other facing East Howard Avenue. Mr. Rutledge noted that the design featured two inclusionary units that were mistakenly designed to be fifteen feet wide rather than sixteen feet wide but that violated the city’s code requirements. He stated that the inclusionary units would either need to be kept as-is or that one inclusionary unit would need to be removed to increase the size of the remaining unit. He stated that the townhomes were three stories, with an Italian plaster exterior built in the Arts and Crafts Movement style matching the aesthetic of other homes on Church Street. Mr. Rutledge explained that the request to increase the building height was based on the height of the proposed ridgelines on each building.

Mayor Garrett opened the meeting for a public hearing.

Planning & Economic Development Director Angela Threadgill spoke on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which heard the application on January 12, 2024 and passed a resolution supporting its approval. Ms. Threadgill stated that the DDA did note that the inclusionary units were narrower than the market rate units but did not formally address the issues because it was not in their purview. Ms. Threadgill noted that the proposed inclusionary units’ narrower width and smaller garage (one car, rather than two cars) were sufficient enough deviations that she cautioned the City Commission that approving the plans might set a precedent which undermined the requirements of the mandatory inclusionary housing ordinance for equal quality between inclusionary and market-rate units.

John Leake, 255 West Parkwood Road, asked the City Commission to defer the decision on the application. He stated that while he did not personally believe the size would make a significant difference in the quality of the units, the inclusionary units likely either needed additional amenities to compensate for their smaller size or that the narrower units needed to be market-rate instead. He stated that having developers abide by the mandatory inclusionary zoning ordinance was more critical than securing an additional inclusionary unit.

With no additional comments, Mayor Garrett closed the public hearing.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Mr. Rutledge clarified that the inclusionary units would feature the same design and interior layouts as market-units but would have a reduced square footage due to the difference in width.

Commissioner Mayer stated that the inclusionary units proposed in the project would not be affordable due to their high prices, and that the inclusionary zoning ordinance needed to ensure that inclusionary units would not be of lesser quality than market-rate units.

Mr. Rutledge stated that the inclusionary units were made smaller to reduce construction costs but finishes and features were comparable to the other units.

Commissioner Mayer stated that her intention was to ensure developers supported Decatur's values to increase affordable housing by following the inclusionary zoning ordinance's requirements.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, Mr. Rutledge stated that even if the inclusionary units were increased to 16 feet, they would have to have a one-car garage.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, Mr. Rutledge estimated that the square footage difference between market-rate units and inclusionary units was 360 total square feet.

Commissioner Walsh stated that she believed that because the inclusionary units had one-car garages, less square feet, were both facing the train tracks, and were interior units, they could not be considered "functionally equivalent and substantially similar" to market-rate units as required in the ordinance. She stated that she appreciated Mr. Rutledge's attempts to include two inclusionary units rather than one, but that she did not want the units to struggle to sell due to these differences.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Mr. Rutledge confirmed that the proposed development is only be required to have one inclusionary unit.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Mr. Rutledge stated that the inclusionary units could have a two-car tandem garage, not side by side, but it would require removal of the first-floor bedroom.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that most of the naturally occurring affordable housing in Decatur tended to be slightly different from market-rate dwellings in some way.

Commissioner Dusenbury noted that because there were other units facing the train tracks, the fact that the inclusionary units faced the train tracks did not make them substantially different and inferior.

Commissioner Walsh noted that the units could have been made to face away from the train tracks, and that the positioning of the units could impact the order in which the units were sold.

Mayor Garrett noted that the units might sell in the same order described by Commissioner Walsh even if all the units were market-rate.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Rutledge stated that there would be no way to increase both inclusionary units from 15 feet to 16 feet widths due to space constraints, and that one inclusionary unit would need to be removed to make the remaining unit at least sixteen feet wide.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, City Manager Arnold clarified that the city code requires a minimum width of 16 feet. Mr. Rutledge stated that reducing the plan from 12 to 11 units and making the inclusionary unit at least 16 feet wide would result in more greenspace on the site. City Manager Arnold stated that the purpose of the conditional use permit is to allow the townhome use in the C-2 zoning district; it doesn't address the number of overall units in the plan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Ms. Krzic clarified that the number of mandatory inclusionary units would increase to two if the total number of units in the development was increased from twelve to fifteen because the ordinance requires rounding up at 1.5.

In a response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Ms. Threadgill stated that as an example the townhomes on Northern Avenue were a maximum of 40 feet tall per the zoning requirements, and that building features such as stair access and rooftop decks were not counted towards the height restriction.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Ms. Threadgill explained that the townhomes required a conditional use permit to allow an opportunity to review the location and to ensure they did not disrupt the ground floor retail uses of the core business district or a commercial corridor, and that the proposed location on the edge of the core business district was an appropriate location for high-density single family residential while also supporting commerce, trade and industry found within the business district. Ms. Threadgill spoke to 40 foot height limit for townhomes.

Mayor Garrett stated that she felt the townhomes fit in well with the other developments in the area.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Rutledge explained that the step-back design of the townhomes reduced the perceived height of the buildings from a street level view.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Ms. Threadgill stated that the Decatur Land Trust would assist in finding qualified buyers and at the time of sale would place a deed restriction on the proposed inclusionary unit to ensure that any resale would keep the unit as an inclusionary unit.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Mr. Rutledge stated that additional cars from any units with a one-car garage could use the existing street parking on East Howard Avenue and Church Street.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Mr. Rutledge stated that he would abide by the Planning Commission's tree canopy conditions and that he planned to preserve as much of the canopy as possible in addition to planting trees onsite.

Commissioner Dusenbury expressed his support for maintaining two inclusionary units, even if they only had one-car garages and narrower designs.

Commissioner Walsh emphasized that she felt the differences in the smaller inclusionary units undermined the integrity of the ordinance's "functionally equivalent and substantially similar" requirement.

Commissioner Mayer stated she felt that the differences were not worth removing an additional inclusionary unit from the plan that was "materially the same" as market-rate units in design, materials, and function.

Commissioner Walsh stated that she disagreed, and that the square footage difference in particular made the inclusionary units clearly "the least best" units of the proposed property.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that he believed the inclusionary units were "materially different", but that the City Commission needed to decide whether it would be willing to remove an additional inclusionary unit to ensure that the remaining unit would be the same as market-rate units.

City Manager Arnold stated that the City Commission is approving the conditional use permit, not the site plan.

Commissioner Walsh stated that her preference was for one inclusionary unit that featured the same dimensions and offerings as the others.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that he was less inclined to grant an exemption to the height requirement without a second inclusionary unit; Commissioner Mayer agreed.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Ms. Threadgill stated that the City Commission would need to modify the condition of approval for the plans if it wished to require the inclusionary unit to feature the same width as market rate units and asked Ms. Krzic to read the additional condition that would specify that requirement.

Commissioner Mayer stated that she felt that the conversation needed to be postponed until the City Commission could see updated plans featuring one inclusionary unit with 16-foot dimensions to inform its decision.

Mr. Rutledge clarified that both buildings were planned for their maximum possible length, meaning it was not feasible to expand both inclusionary units to 16 feet, and reiterated that the second inclusionary unit was not required by the ordinance. He stated that there would be 11 units with one inclusionary unit.

Commissioner Mayer stated that she understood Mr. Rutledge's constraints and appreciated his effort to include an additional inclusionary unit.

Mr. Rutledge stated that he included the additional height elements to make the building more aesthetically pleasing and that the additional height was not necessary for the building's function.

Commissioner Walsh expressed appreciation for Mr. Rutledge's efforts, and once again stated that any inclusionary units needed to be "functionally equivalent and substantially similar" in the final plan.

Commissioner Mayer noted that the "affordable" units in question would be out of reach for most people and that she did not consider "affordable" a fully appropriate term for units with a \$426,000 mortgage.

Mayor Garrett agreed with the sentiment and expressed that the proposed units were a step closer to the goals of the inclusionary housing ordinance. She acknowledged that the inclusionary unit could be considered more attainable than market rate housing but perhaps not affordable as that term is commonly understood.

City Manager Arnold re-read the existing two conditions for approval for the conditional use permit, and an additional condition for consideration which explicitly required any inclusionary units to measure a minimum of sixteen feet wide to match the dimensions of market-rate units.

Commissioner Dusenbury expressed appreciation for Mr. Rutledge's patience during the City Commission meeting and efforts to include an additional inclusionary unit. He stated that he was personally fine with two 15-foot inclusionary units but also recognized the concerns with the differences that may occur between market-rate and inclusionary units.

Commissioner Mayer stated that she felt the ongoing conversation was troubling and showed that the city still needed to make strides in supporting and protecting affordable housing for those under the 80% Area Median Income (AMI) threshold.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Rutledge confirmed that two 15-foot inclusionary units would be priced around \$426,000 and noted that constructing a townhouse costs anywhere from \$380,000 to \$420,000.

Commissioner Mayer stated that the City Commission should follow the letter of the ordinance and confirmed that the City Commissioners would be voting on a condition for one inclusionary unit that featured the similar dimensions and amenities as the market-rate units.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, City Manager Arnold confirmed that the additional condition for consideration would need to be included for the sake of clarity.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Mr. Rutledge confirmed that with the additional condition, the proposed housing development would feature one inclusionary unit with identical finishes to the market-rate units.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated he would like staff to review townhouse regulations in the C-2 zoning for future reference.

On a motion by Commissioner Mayer; second by Commissioner Walsh; and, all present voting “aye,” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-Z-02 was adopted as amended with the following conditions:

1. Per Section 6.3.1.F.2.b., the inclusionary dwelling units in the proposed development shall be:
 - i. Designed to have a number of bedrooms in the same proportion as the market rate dwelling units;
 - ii. Interspersed and among the market rate dwelling units within the development;
 - iii. Built concurrently with the market rate dwelling units; and
 - iv. Designed to be functionally equivalent in style and quality with the market rate dwelling units in the development.
2. Per Section 4.4.3, the inclusionary dwelling units in the proposed development shall have a minimum width of 16 feet.
3. All tree canopy cover conserved or planted requirements shall be made or installed onsite and not paid in lieu of into the tree bank.

On a motion by Commissioner Walsh; second by Commissioner Mayer; and, all present voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-Z-03 approving the special exception height variance from 40 feet to 50 feet was adopted as recommended.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS.

Mayor Garrett opened the meeting for public comment.

John Leake, 255 West Parkwood Road, expressed concern regarding the sites of the proposed single-family dwelling demolitions and resulting city-owned greenspaces on Commerce Drive and Landover Drive could be turned over to property developers in the future. He stated that the demolition of the homes seemed to conflict with the City's stated goal of supporting affordable housing by preserving existing single-family housing stock.

Hearing no further comments, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

EBSTER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.

Capital Projects Manager Hugh Saxon recommended approval of a construction budget of \$1,305,000 and approval of the "design-build" amendment to the agreement with Precision Turf LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,214,100 for converting Ebster Field to a synthetic turf field. Mr. Saxon noted that the City Commission had previously approved a pre-construction fee of \$50,000 to Precision Turf LLC in November 2023, and that the design phase had been completed. He stated that the proposed construction budget represented the combined total of the synthetic turf field, geotechnical fees, and a \$70,000 contingency. He stated that if approved, construction of the field would take about 8-10 weeks and would be in service in June. Mr. Saxon noted the synthetic turf would allow the field to be used year-round due to the lower maintenance needs.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, Mr. Saxon explained there would be no additional tours of the storm water detention vault under the field. He noted that he had previously toured the vault with a few other staff and noted that it was a "hidden but very valuable asset" for the community.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Mr. Saxon explained that the field's filler would be made with natural materials such as ground corncob and sand rather than crumb rubber. He noted that contractors had advised that crumb rubber was better for athletic performance, but that the City chose natural fillers to keep the field cooler and due to a preference for natural materials.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Saxon confirmed that the field would feature line markings for soccer, lacrosse, football, and ultimate frisbee.

On a motion by Commissioner Walsh; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all present voting "aye," the budget and agreement amendment were approved.

DOWNTOWN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.

Ms. Threadgill recommended that the City Commission authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Decatur Tourism Bureau; and to appropriate funds from the City's General Fund budget in the amount of \$165,204.84 to share in the cost of a contract between the DDA and Mydatt Services Inc. d/b/a Block by Block for downtown ambassador program services. Ms. Threadgill stated that the decision to contract with Block by Block was the result of a two-year process in the research of companies that provide a suite of services for commercial and business districts.

Ms. Threadgill noted that the City's ongoing downtown-focused services such as the downtown security team, Clean Team, and quarterly pressure-washings were intended to be temporary, immediate responses to expressed needs, but that Block by Block's comprehensive full-time services would be more cost-effective than the most recent separate, part-time solutions. She stated that Block by Block would provide ambassador services, cleaning, safety, and special project services in the downtown service area. She explained that the DDA would hold the contract with Block by Block and that the Memorandum of Understanding stated that the DDA, City and Tourism Bureau would each pay a third of the total contract in quarterly installments.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Ms. Threadgill confirmed that the previous costs of downtown services had been paid to external contractors by the Downtown Development Authority.

City Manager Arnold further clarified that employees from the City of Decatur, District Attorney's Office, and DeKalb County Sheriff's Office performed services as external contractors. City Manager Arnold also noted that the security services had been discontinued.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Ms. Threadgill explained that the Clean Team being discontinued would have no impact on the regular work hours of City employees who had participated as contractors for the service, and that there might be an opportunity for City employees to contract after-hours with Block by Block.

City Manager Arnold added that City employees also had the opportunity to participate in overtime work during the spring and summer special events season.

Commissioner Dusenbury expressed support for the Block by Block program as a comprehensive solution and noted that the organization paid a living wage.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Ms. Threadgill explained that if the MOU was approved, there would be an additional 60 days of preparation time before services would officially begin, with services tentatively scheduled to start during the last week of May. She added the 12-month contract and regular invoices would commence once services began.

Mayor Garrett expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Clean Team, and also noted that the more comprehensive approach of Block by Block would allow for improved services.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Ms. Threadgill confirmed that Assistant City Manager Cara Scharer had informed Clean Team members that the program was reaching its conclusion, and City Manager Arnold confirmed that it had been explicitly explained that the Clean Team was intended as a temporary program.

City Manager Arnold expressed appreciation for staff stepping up in the interim to provide services while a more permanent solution was sought.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Ms. Threadgill explained that Hybrid Clean and Safe Ambassadors would provide services from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven

days a week. She added pressure-washing and other specialized services would vary on a part-time basis, and walking patrols would tentatively operate from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. five days per week. She also noted that a full-time operations manager would supervise services.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Ms. Threadgill explained that the service area would be divided into Zone B (a core area including the Square) and Zone A (a broader area continuing down West Ponce de Leon Avenue), with Zone A receiving less concentrated services.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Ms. Threadgill confirmed that Block by Block paid a living wage. Crew members started at \$19.00 per hour, crew leaders started at \$21.00 per hour, and the operations manager started at \$72,000 annually. Ms. Threadgill also confirmed that all full-time employees received benefits.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, Ms. Threadgill noted that page nine of the proposal stated that Block by Block would be providing quality assurance reports to evaluate the success of the services.

Block by Block representative John Koch further explained that each Block by Block ambassador would use smartphones to track paths, collect statistics on services provided, and geotag service locations. Mr. Koch stated that the data collected would be reported monthly and that collected data would be analyzed and compiled. He also noted that part-time employees received benefits in addition to full-time employees. Ms. Threadgill added that when the DDA began considering contract renewal in January, they would likely be presented with outcome data analysis that could be shared with the City Commission.

Mayor Garrett noted that she had previously had a conversation with Business Development Manager Shirley Baylis and Tourism Manager Sherry Jackman about the way Block by Block ambassadors would work with city staff to address the needs of unhoused residents, and that ambassadors would be trained on the city's policies as they continued to develop.

On a motion by Commissioner Dusenbury; second by Commissioner Walsh; and, all present voting "aye", the Memorandum of Understanding was approved as recommended.

DEMOLITION RECOMMENDATION

Deputy City Manager David Junger recommended the establishment of a project budget in the amount of \$80,000 and award of a contract in the amount of \$69,800 to JNB Services for the abatement, demolition, removal and site stabilization of the single-family dwellings at 475 Landover Drive, 1010 North Parkwood Drive and 600 Commerce Drive. Mr. Junger stated that JNB Services was the lowest of seven qualified bids and that their base bid amounts for each site were \$22,100 for 475 Landover Drive; \$20,850 for 1010 North Parkwood Drive; and \$26,850 for 600 Commerce Drive. He noted that the project budget and property cost at 475 Landover Drive would come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant awarded to the City, and that the building would be demolished and converted to greenspace "in perpetuity" per the deed restrictions when the property was purchased. He stated

that funding for the demolition at 1010 North Parkwood and 600 Commerce was included in the Capital Improvement Fund.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Junger confirmed that each property was being demolished for a different reason: 475 Landover Drive was required to be demolished due to FEMA hazard mitigation after repeated flood damage; 1010 North Parkwood was adjacent to Hidden Cove Park; and 600 Commerce Drive was viewed as a potential site for redevelopment. Mr. Junger noted that Ms. Threadgill was working with Microlife Institute to see if the site could be used to address the City's "missing middle" housing goals.

On a motion by Commissioner Dusenbury; second by Commissioner Mayer; and, all present voting "aye," the project budget and contract were approved.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS.

Frances President, 510 Coventry Road, stated that she believed the City of Decatur Police did not value safety and property rights. Ms. President detailed her experiences from February 2024 and requested that the members of the Decatur Police Department be trained on current property rights laws.

Bruce Stagner, Gwinnett County resident, spoke as a witness to Ms. President's claims of property damage & stalking and asserted that the Decatur Police Department disregarded Ms. President's concerns.

John Leake, 255 West Parkwood Road, stated that he could not access the Decatur online document center due to issues with the software security system and petitioned that Decatur's SeeClickFix portal add an option to report website issues.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS.

Mayor Garrett read the agenda for the April 9th Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Garrett read the agenda for the April 8th Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

City Manager Arnold noted the Parks and Recreation Department would be hosting a community engagement event at Ebster Recreation Center on March 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the topic of the renovations at Ebster Park.

City Manager Arnold recognized the Decatur Youth Council's execution of the Fair on the Square and thanked Chief of Staff Meredith Roark for her role as advisor for the Decatur Youth Council. She also thanked staff members who participated in the event's attractions as well as Mayor Garrett and Commissioner Dusenbury for their willingness to participate in the dunk tank event.

City Manager Arnold confirmed that she would follow up with the Decatur Police Department on the issues brought forward during requests and petitions.

Ms. Roark recommended that Mr. Leake clear the cookies and cache of his web browser to prevent further issues with the online document center and stated that she would troubleshoot with the software provider if the issues continued.

Commissioner Mayer praised the success of the DYC's Fair on the Square

Commissioner Mayer expressed her disappointment with the failure of the City's mandatory inclusionary zoning ordinance to support truly affordable housing and stated that she wanted to revisit the ordinance to make it more robust.

Commissioner Mayer noted that she was very disappointed to hear the public comment about the Decatur Police Department.

Commissioner Dusenbury praised the success of the Fair on the Square

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that he was impressed by the Parks and Recreation Department's work session presentation and expressed excitement about other pending projects discussed during the meeting.

Commissioner Dusenbury described that he was unsatisfied with the discussion on the housing units but felt that it was ultimately the correct decision.

Commissioner Walsh praised the Park and Recreation Department's work session presentation, the upcoming renovation of Ebster Field, and the DYC's Fair on the Square.

Commissioner Walsh stated that she was grateful for the Planning Commission's previous work on the housing project discussed during the meeting and expressed that she also felt that the conversation was unsatisfying.

Mayor Garrett stated that she believed the housing decision was the best that could be done with the options presented, and that the discussion of the issue was constructive.

Mayor Garrett praised the Park and Recreation Department's work session presentation and noted that she missed Mayor pro tem Powers' Planning Commission experience in light of the discussions during the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Meredith Roark
Chief of Staff (City Clerk)