

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PLACE: CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Tony Vear, Cindy Pratt and Gary Wolfram.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: David Mackie, City Manager and BPU Director, Scott Hepner, Police and Fire Chief, Jason Blake, Director of Public Services and Sam Fry, Marketing and Development Coordinator.

PUBLIC: Ezra Bertakis on behalf of The Farmers Market and others.

Discussion of moving the Farmers Market to Howell Street between Bacon and McCollum Street for the upcoming year because of the renovations being done on the County Courthouse. The time frame will be for the Saturdays starting May 6, 2023 thru October 28, 2023.

Ezra Bertakis explained the past success the Market has experienced. Due to the renovations being done at the Courthouse and the inability of the use of the parking area adjacent to Courthouse necessitates the relocation. This will require Howell Street to be closed from 7am till 2pm on before mentioned dates. Those in attendance supported the move.

Jason Blake expressed his concern about the availability of street closure barriers that would be needed on all the dates because of the potholing work the BPU will be doing this year. Jason presented Ezra the cost (\$3620) associated with the purchase of the barriers that meet the State's requirements. Ezra confirmed that between borrowing barriers from the county and or the purchase of approved barriers, he would take care of the cost.

Another concern was the insurance. The HBA will allow coverage to continue for these events as long as their sponsorship and advertising reflect this.

Motioned by Cindy and seconded by Gary to recommend the approval of moving the Farmers Market to Howell Street between Bacon Street and McCollum Street, the Saturdays beginning May 6, 2023 thru October 28, 2023. The street closure commencing at 7am till 2pm with the placement and removal of the approved barriers to be the responsibility of the Farmers Market Staff.

Motioned passed 3-0

Discussion of the Mitchell Research Center:

David mentioned some maintenance issues that will need to be addressed in the future, probably in the neighborhood of \$60,000 to \$80,000. He was not sure if the City could sell the property to the Friends of the Mitchell for less than market value, but will check with legal to find out.

Gary spoke on whether there might be some grant money available. Also how fundraising might be undermined if the City is not willing to give the Friends some assurance that it wont

turn around and sell it. If the Friends of the Mitchell should dissolve, the city would have the final say on the sale of the property.

No Miscellaneous Committee Items

Public Comment:

Mary Wolfrom said she would help in the coordinating of grant possibilities to the Friends of the Mitchell with Sam Fry.

Motion by Gary, seconded by Cindy to adjourn. Passed 3-0

ADJOURNMENT: 6:55PM

At this time the next meeting has not been scheduled.

Minutes prepared by Tony Vear, Chair