
COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CLIC)
City of Brooklyn Park
May 13, 2021 CLIC Meeting Minutes

I. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Kathy Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT:

Kathy Fraser, Amy Meuers, Rich Branham, Emily Nelson, Patrick Hoth, Whitney McClusky, Mary Hoogheem, Beauty Ojo, Kaade Wallace, Sheila Iteghete, James Miller

City Staff and Council Present: Staff Liaison Jesse Struve, Council Member Terry Parks

ABSENT: Etta Gbeizon-Bornor, Erik Meyers, Sarah Manley, Brenda Reeves

EXCUSED:

Roll Call established that a quorum was established for the meeting.

2. **APPROVAL AGENDA**

MOTION Fraser to approve the agenda, SECOND Branham. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING THE AGENDA.

II. STATUTORY BUSINESS

3. **CONSENT**

3.1 MOTION Branham, SECOND Nelson to APPROVE APRIL 8, 2021 MINUTES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING the APRIL 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

4. **GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS**

4.1 Celebrate and Recognize Diversity in the Community

4.1A Engaging & Recognizing Elders in the Community

- Review of document prepared by Chair Fraser
- Discussion of challenges to reaching and engaging the elder community
- Commissioners who shared interest in participating in a subgroup:
 - Rich Branham
 - Whitney McClusky
 - Amy Meuers
 - Mary Hoogheem

4.2 BLRT Impacts and Success Factors

- Chair Fraser sits on the Advisory Committee
- Discussion to ensure a common understanding of terms, concerns, and vision

4.3 Greater Mobility in BP Update

- Staff Liaison Struve shared:
 - Greater mobility is connected to both light rail and 252 constructions
 - There are several sidewalk and trail projects being planned along with the identification of dedicated funding
 - Adding a trail or sidewalk that does not have one is one of the most difficult projects for the city

4.4 Wayfinding Project Update

- Overview and update on project was included in meeting packet
- Staff Liaison Struve shared that planning and implementation are expected somewhere in 2021 – 2022
- Staff Liaison Struve provided overview of the request for proposal process (RFP)
- Question was asked if Hennepin County and/or Three Rivers Parks are contributing to the project. Staff Liaison Struve will follow-up with answer to this question
- Question was asked if there is an ongoing budget for maintenance. Staff Liaison Struve stated he believed that the budget would be part of the discussion

5. **STANDING ITEMS**

5.1 Age Friendly Brooklyn Park

- No additional updates

5.2 Communications

- No updates

5.3 Housing Continuum

- Chair Fraser stated we are still waiting on Housing Study

5.4 Redevelopment / Development

- Staff Liaison Struve shared the following updates:
 - Several new businesses going in near 610 and Zane
 - New apartments and townhomes are planned
- Council Member Parks shared additional business opportunities that are being discussed by the Council
- Question was asked about the type of restaurants that the city attracts and if there are any efforts to attract nicer eateries. Staff Liaison Struve shared that there doesn't seem to be many sit-down restaurants opening anywhere right now. Council Member Parks stated he believes that many businesses are waiting for when the LRT breaks ground
- Question was asked about the closed Kelly's space. Council Member Parks shared that the building is for sale but there have not been any offers at this time

- Question was asked if we are incentivizing locally owned businesses? Staff Liaison Struve stated that he is aware that the city has programs. Council Member Parks stated that is why the Council is starting the incubator program which will be discussed at the May 17, 2021 Council meeting

5.5 Future Planning

- No additional updates

6. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 City Council Report: Council Member Parks update:

- 63rd & Zane clean-up took place on May 1, 2021, which included residents and Council Members.
- River Park is closed for construction
- Two candidates are left for Mayor – get out and vote!

6.2 Staff Liaison Update: Jesse Struve

- No additional updates

6.3 Open Discussion

- The Commission voted to cancel the July meeting
- Discussion on when to return to in-person meetings. The Commission voted to wait until September and do a hybrid model

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Fraser, SECOND Meuers, TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Jesse Struve