

MINUTES
PLAN COMMISSION
City Hall Forum - 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ramsden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners Ramsden, Winkelmann, Abarca, Flesch, and Jacobsen and Councilor Day were present. Commissioners Anderson and Elliott were absent.

2. MINUTES

2.a. Consideration of the minutes of the September 18, 2024 and October 9, 2024 Plan Commission meetings

Commissioner Winkelmann made a motion to approve both sets of Minutes, seconded by Councilor Flesch. Motion prevailed, voice vote (5-0)

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings were held.

4. REPORTS

4.a. Consideration of proposed improvements to Regina Dunkin Park located at 1218 Henry Avenue and Vernon Park located at 934 Vernon Avenue

Community Development Director, Julie Christensen, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Bill Frisbee, Public Works Director, outlined the proposed improvements in Regina Dunkin Park and Vernon Park. He explained that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were originally designated for Regina Dunkin Park for splash pad improvements. When they originally evaluated the splash pads, they were not going to be easily upgradable without starting over, so the City focused their resources on improving the amenities around the splash pads, specifically, the pavilion and restrooms. These structures will be the same as the facilities proposed for Turtle Creek Park, reviewed at the last Plan Commission meeting.

Bill explained that they went through an extensive public participation process on the design of the structures. The proposed design was selected as the most popular option. The restrooms and pavilion are similar in design for both parks. These two projects will be bid along with the improvements to Turtle Creek Park. The City does not believe that they have enough funding for all of the improvements, so the plan is to move forward with all of the improvements in Turtle Creek Park and Vernon Park and bid items for Regina Dunkin Park as bid alternates. The City will get done what

they can with this funding and will then budget the remaining improvements in future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) years.

Councilor Day asked whether given the limited budget, had we considered simplifying the design. DPW Director Bill Frisbee indicated that they looked into other options like a pre-fabricated building, and it came in at about the same price. Bill also commented that when they held the public information sessions, the public really liked this design.

Commissioner Flesh asked about the bid and award schedule. Bill explained that the bids will go out in early November, with City Council award on December 2. Commissioner Flesch noted that this doesn't allow much wiggle room. Bill agreed and commented that the funding source requires that the City be under contract this year. Bill commented that we are pulling as much old CIP money as we can to get the projects done.

Commissioner Abarca asked if in Regina Dunkin Park, the large green space will remain. Bill indicated that this project would be located where the existing structures are located, so the green space will remain.

Commissioner Abarca made a motion for approval, seconded by Commissioner Flesch. Motion carried, voice vote (5-0)

5. STATUS REPORT ON PRIOR PLAN COMMISSION ITEMS

Julie Christensen provided an update on items previously reviewed by the Commission.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Julie Christensen outlined the future agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2024.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Flesch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Abarca at 7:30 PM. Motion carried, voice vote (5-0).



Mike Ramsden, Chairperson