

### **Planning Commission shadow report by Barb Evans**

The Planning Commission had a work session similar to ours where they got the updated plans for Bridge Square and beyond at their May 18th meeting.\*\*\* See notes below. They are also reviewing their Bylaws as we have done.

In minutes for May 18th:

--Vice Chair Hester reported that she participated on the interview panel for Comp Plan consultants.

--Mikayla Schmidt reported that Neighborhood Floating Districts 1st and 2nd reading got approved and will go live at the end of the month in City Code.

—Much of the meeting was devoted to CUP's for Solar Gardens

Because the minutes no longer reflect the discussions of the groups, one has to view the relevant parts of the video (when it is posted) to get a sense of direction of the discussion or the questions asked. Time consuming.

In matters with possible impact to the HPC (other than the River Front Enhancement ideas) steps were taken to rezone the area next to the Depot. That is in preparation for the transit hub to move forward.

### **About the River Front Enhancement plan discussion with the consultants:**

\*\*\*I listened to the discussion of the Planning Commission following the presentation of the consultants about the Bridge Square presentation. Their questions were about the width of the sidewalks with comments about if we're going to be more walkable that the sidewalks should be wider, not narrower. Not everyone had microphones on and so I couldn't hear all of the comments, but I could hear most of them. They discussed how bikes will "behave" in this zone. This group was leaning toward being able to bike through Bridge Square (Chair Buckheit stated that she would likely not dismount and requested that pedestrian and bike areas have some degree of separation). It seemed like there was some concern about "prioritizing the cars." Consultants state that they are striving for pedestrian access. You could listen in at 36:00 to hear the questions and comments about the pergola and the Civil War Memorial and reaction to explanation of the thoughts of the HPC and SHPO—Chair and others questioned what it would take to get the Civil War Monument moved closer to the pergola. Heisler indicated a desire to move it. Jason Menard seemed to be supporting the historic location or at least discouraging effort put in to move it.

The Planning Commission does not share our concern about parking availability.

Evolution of turf to pavers was also questioned. Answer was that it is more usable and easier to maintain.

In staff updates from Mikayla were mostly about the steering committee for the Comp Plan—target of 10-14 people with maximum reach into the community. They have "Board and Commission Reports" as part of updates at the end of their agendas with discussion by the group. Parking became a topic they all talked about for some time.