



Legislation Text

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TO: Members of the Northfield Heritage Preservation Commission
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Commission shadowing reports

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The HPC hears updates on the activities of various boards and commissions.

BACKGROUND:

The HPC has decided to monitor other City groups that may influence the downtown. Attached are updates on those actions.

ANALYSIS:

Climate Action Plan Advisory Board:

Relating to Historic District - No HPC authority

The CAPAB Energy Subcommittee presented their Energy Action Jump Start, an 18-month plan, to the City Council. The Jump Start targets Northfield residents, both homeowners and small businesses, and will include consumer surveying, energy audits, and door-to-door visits.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority:

This work plan was commissioned in their May 28th minutes and appears on the agenda for their July meeting. (attached)

Park and Recreation Advisory Board:

They are discussing a canoe/kayak access point on the Cannon River, but it is going to be placed outside of the Historic District (over by the Rodeo grounds).

They had photos of the completed improvements at Way Park. The rest of their agenda and minutes have to do with activities scheduled and ongoing during the summer.

Nothing for the HPC with Park & Rec at this time.

EDA - July 18 Meeting

Relating to Historic District - Involving the HPC

The Authority approved their 2020 Budget, which includes \$20K for the first year of a 3-year downtown façade improvement program. This program will provide financial aid to business owners in the Historic District in the form of a 1:1 match up to a certain level (~\$7K to 10K allowing two or three projects each year).

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The EDA approved an August 8th special meeting to discuss a subsidy application for the 5th Street Lofts project. The subsidy is needed to keep the developers (Rebound Real Estate and the Stencil Group) on their proposed timeline.

The EDA approved the purchase of the property at 510 Washington St. for \$212,000. Paperwork has been executed, but the purchase has not closed. The disposition of the property is not yet determined.

Not Related to Historic District

Executing assignment and assumption agreement between The Family Residence, LLC, and Prairie View Holding, LLC - to clean up legal paperwork to ensure the name of the operating company is correct.

The NEC (Northfield Enterprise Center that assists businesses w/ planning, financial modeling, and sustained growth) provided a report of positive activity for Q2 2019.