



# Rochester City Council

## Community Development Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

**Elaine Lauterborn, Chairperson**  
**Donna Bogan, Vice Chairperson**  
**Tom Abbott**  
**Jeremy Hutchinson**  
**James Gray**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Monday, March 12, 2018	
<b>Members Present:</b>	Tom Abbott Donna Bogan Jeremy Hutchinson Elaine Lauterborn	<b>Members Absent:</b> James Gray
<b>Guests/Staff:</b>	Julian Long, Community Development Coordinator Jennifer Marsh, Economic Development Specialist Angela Mills, Executive Director of Rochester Main Street Pam Martin, Rochester Main Street Board of Directors Ray Amirault, Rochester Main Street Board of Directors Bonnie Amirault, Rochester Main Street Board of Directors Glenn Watt, Rochester Main Street Board of Directors	

Councilor Lauterborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilor Bogan and seconded by Councilor Abbott to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

<b>PUBLIC INPUT</b>	There was no public input.
<b>POTENTIAL FITNESS COURT PROJECT – Economic Development Office Presentation</b>	<p>Ms. Marsh stated that the Economic Development Department has proposed a fitness court project in the FY 2018-2019 proposed CIP budget. A potential location would be the former skate park at Hanson Pines. Ms. Marsh showed the committee a brief video overview of what a fitness court would look like and potential funding opportunities.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn and Councilor Bogan raised concerns about maintenance costs and sanitary issues. Councilor Hutchinson asked about building costs, and Ms. Marsh stated that \$60,000 in matching funds would be required from the city. Councilor Bogan asked if it would be possible to request the matching funds from Frisbie Memorial Hospital, as a public fitness court presents health benefits to the entire community. Ms. Marsh said she would check.</p>

	<p>Councilor Hutchinson suggested that a fitness court be located at the Rochester Commons rather than at Hanson Pines. Councilor Abbott agreed that the Commons would be a better location as it receives more traffic. Ms. Mills added that Rochester Main Street is interested in doing a summer fitness series.</p> <p><b><i>Motion was made by Councilor Hutchinson and seconded by Councilor Bogan to recommend to City Council that the city apply to build a fitness court with the National Fitness Campaign organization.</i></b> Councilor Abbott asked if the city could sell sponsorships to raise funds for the city's required match, and Ms. Marsh said she would find out. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p><b>FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS – Economic Development Office and Rochester Main Street</b></p>	<p>Ms. Mills stated that Rochester Main Street is interested in cosponsoring with the City of Rochester a Fourth of July festival to be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Marsh added that Hervey's Tire would provide the fireworks display. Rochester Main Street is requesting \$10,000 from the city to help cover costs for the festival. Ms. Mills pointed out that the city had budgeted \$20,000 for fireworks in FY 2017-2018, so this would be an opportunity for the city to save money while still supporting a fireworks Fourth of July event.</p> <p>Councilor Bogan asked how the city would be credited as a sponsor, and Ms. Mills replied that the city and its logo would be included on press releases, social media posts, event banners, and other promotional outreach.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked where the festival will be located, and Mr. Amirault stated that the fireworks will be located behind Hervey's Tire. Councilor Abbott asked where the public would be able to view the fireworks, and Ms. Mills stated that there are several potential locations, such as the Ben Franklin lot, the city lot near Lilac City Grille, and Central Square.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked if Rochester Main Street has spoken to the City Manager regarding the proposed event. Ms. Marsh replied that they have not yet done so but will soon. She added that they will also be speaking to Chris Bowlen, head of the Recreation Department. Councilor Hutchinson suggested that Rochester Main Street also reach out to the public to get their input and ideas for</p>

	<p>the event.</p> <p><b><i>Motion was made by Councilor Abbott and seconded by Councilor Bogan to recommend to City Council that the city partner with Rochester Main Street on an Independence Day festival to be held on July 3, 2018 and provide \$10,000 in city funding and a police detail for the event.</i></b> The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>HUD ENVISION CENTERS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT</b>	<p>Mr. Long presented a brief overview of the new demonstration projects, which are aimed at creating co-located service centers providing job training and other employment services for public housing residents. The demonstration projects program would provide technical assistance but no hard funding.</p>
<b>PROGRAM REPORT – Current CDBG Projects, Continuing CDBG Projects, Non-CDBG Grants</b>	<p>Mr. Long provided a brief overview of ongoing CDBG projects and stated that a large amount of time had been spent going through old CDBG files to compile a complete history of the CDBG-funded Job Opportunity Benefit (JOB) Loan Program. This was done at the request of HUD.</p>
<b>WORKFORCE HOUSING CHARRETTE APPLICATION – Updates</b>	<p>Mr. Long stated that the charrette planning committee has decided on a charrette date of September 26-September 28, 2018. The location for the charrette is still being discussed.</p>
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>Mr. Long stated that he would be out on medical leave for two to four weeks. Urgent matters can be addressed to Jennifer Murphy Aubin, Executive Secretary for the Office of Economic &amp; Community Development.</p> <p>Mr. Long presented to the committee a short article on Albuquerque, New Mexico's efforts to reduce homelessness, which have included data showing it is less expensive to provide housing for chronically homeless individuals than to cover jail costs, emergency room costs, etc.</p> <p>Mr. Long also presented to the committee proposed changes to the bus schedules from the Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST). Mr. Long explained that he received these proposals as he serves as the Rochester representative to the COAST Board of Directors. The proposed changes are to bring the bus schedules in line with actual bus route running times, and there are limited cost options that would result in the loss of a mid-day Route 6 bus run and higher cost options that would keep all Route 6 bus runs and expand Route 2 bus runs. The consensus of the</p>

	committee was that limited cost options would be preferred.
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting** – Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Isinglass Conference Room in the City Hall Annex (33 Wakefield Street)

**Topics** –Projects Program Report, Workforce Housing Charrette Application