

**MINUTES OF THE
MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL
(Work Meeting)
Tuesday, 21 December 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Midway Community Center, Council Chambers
160 West Main Street, Midway, Utah**

Note: Notices/agendas were posted at 7-Eleven, Ridley's Express, the United States Post Office, the Midway City Office Building, and the Midway Community Center. Notices/agendas were provided to the City Council, City Engineer, City Attorney, Planning Director, and The Wasatch Wave. The public notice/agenda was published on the Utah State Public Notice Website and the City's website. A copy of the public notice/agenda is contained in the supplemental file.

Members Present:

Celeste Johnson, Mayor
Steve Dougherty, Council Member
Jeff Drury, Council Member
Lisa Orme, Council Member
Jeff Drury, Council Member
Kevin Payne, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

Staff

Michael Henke – City Planner
Melannie Egan – Admin. Assistant
Joe Serre – City Engineer
Luke Robinson – Planner
Corbin Gordon, Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

- 2. Town Square Master Plan / Discussion** (City Planner/IBI Group – Approximately 60 minutes)
– Discuss the ongoing efforts for the creation of a master plan for Town Square

Luke Robinson gave a presentation

Presentation Agenda

- Purpose
- Overview of Project Process & Timeline
- Questionnaire Results, Vision and Guiding Principles
- Concept 1 and Concept 2
- Comment and Question Period

Purpose

The purpose of the master planning process was to create a long-term vision for Town Square that would guide its future improvement, including:

- Design options for opportunities to enhance the use of green spaces in town square. It is very important that all design options must be able to accommodate all existing space needs for Swiss Days.
- Increase the value of Town Square to the community by creating opportunities to enhance the square as a community gathering place, thus providing increased economic growth.
- Create an environment which will provide additional pedestrian traffic in and around Main Street and the downtown area.

Overview of Project Process and Timeline

- **Project Kick-Off** March 12, 2021
- **Stakeholder Meeting** March 25, 2021
- **Working Committee Meeting** April 1, 2021
- **Stakeholder Meeting** May 6, 2021
- **Online Questionnaire** May 31, 2021 - June 11, 2021
- **Stakeholder Meeting** June 24, 2021
- **Working Committee w/Midway Boosters & Swiss Days Chair** July 26, 2021
- **Working Committee Meeting** September 1, 2021
- **Public Open House #1** September 14, 2021
- **Public Open House #2** September 23, 2021
- **Working Committee Meeting w/Swiss Day Representatives** October 25, 2021
- **On-line Public Comment Period** October 19, 2021 – November 7, 2021
- **Working Committee Meeting** November 15, 2021
- **Progress Update to City Council** December 21, 2021
- **Next Steps:**
 - Update of design concept (Dec./Jan.)
 - Present concept to working committee (Jan.)
 - Public/stakeholder outreach (Jan.)

City Council Presentation (Feb.)

Dave Nicholas from IBI Group presented meetings feedback

Meeting Feedback

- 9/14 Meeting:
 - 24 attendees
 - 18 written comments
- 9/23 Meeting:
 - 36 attendees
 - 20 written comments
- Emailed Comments
 - 27 emails with comments from 23 people

Takeaways from Comments

Repurpose of ice rink during offseason
 Fewer gazebos, stages, amphitheaters than in plans
 Supportive of trees/flowers

Water feature
Support and dislike of windmill
Fire pits
Splash pad
Parking needs to be considered
Entertainment venues
Modify 200 W. concrete ditch
Update infrastructure
Don't change
Entry feature along Main Street
Considerate of Swiss Days
Food truck area
Transportation hub
Playground
Considerate of farmers market/yoga
Cover ice rink
Generally supportive of benches, tables, and other site furniture
Support for adjustments to Community Center and other structures

- Outcome had some very good direction
- Dave talked about the Town Square Vision and the Guiding Principles
- The Town Square is the heart of Midway
- Town square is a work in progress and will always be evolving
- Integration history, Heritage and Time, adding community value and is accessible from all sides of the square as eventually all sides will have all types of uses

Lisa Orme asked how many citizens took the survey? 147 responses.

Dave presented the concepts

Mayor Johnson clarified that the concepts were created at the RFP phase and the city did not tell IBI what we wanted.

Option 1 maintains all existing structures and creates gateways and promenades

Option 2 adds gardens and to create a square that is more organic and add iconic features. It also shows that the Community Center is also partially repurposed it to replace the pavilion, bathrooms and the temporary trailers during the skating season and opening the space between the buildings.

Kevin Payne stated that he sees plusses and minuses of option two. He was concerned about crosswalks going nowhere. He would like to see a vision of everything including future business on all four sides. He would like to see the best of both worlds of the concepts. It may be difficult.

- There was a concern about big trees blocking views of the mountains.
- Designs need to be linked into the future of parking

- Mayor Johnson stated that they used all the tools we had to get the information out via surveys, social media, meetings and Jeff Drury and JC Simonson stated that we did more with this project.
- Money is going to be the hardest part of any plan. It may dictate what happens first.

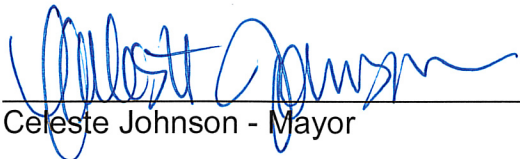
Steve Dougherty asked if the questions were distinguished between business members and community members. JC stated that it was intent, but he wasn't sure if it was achieved.

Courtland Nielson stated that there was a lot of energy regarding Swiss Days at the front end of the meetings and conversations. He felt that they have gotten past that initial stress of not wanting to change anything because of Swiss Days. Then the conversations changed to what about the rest of the year. Parking was an issue and repurposing the community center was also a hot topic. He would like to see pictures presented to the public.

JC Simonson stated to get the work done so we have a guiding light. Create a Master Plan and get it in place. The entire plan may take many years and needs to be adaptable.

Final concept plan will be rolled out in mid-January and then presented to Committees and the City Council sometime in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Celeste Johnson - Mayor



Admin. Assistant – Melannie Egan