

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022, 7:00 PM**  
**MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY**  
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**Environmental Committee:** Karen White, Chair  
Sim Covington, Jr.  
Erich Dittmar  
Renée Sutton

Additional Council Members present: Dan Unrath  
Steve Uebbing  
Thomas Lyon  
Mayor Palumbo

City Staff: John Goodwin, City Manager  
David Hou, City Attorney

Guests: Denise Chaaple, BID Manager  
Mike Prattico, Partner HBT Architects  
Isaac Hutton, HOPR  
Bonnie Maguire, RTS

Chair White opened the meeting and welcomed members present. She gave the background on agenda items. She welcomed guest Mike Prattico from HBT Architects who will be reviewing their assessment of the local area parks facilities.

Mike reviewed the information from the report which focused on the park's facilities, their current condition and potential for the future. Mike said that he would follow up on the cost analysis for the projected projects as current rates are inconsistent with rising costs making future planning challenging. Additionally, will be revising the report based on feedback received from City Manager Goodwin and Parks Supervisor, Stephanie Crum. The structures at Baker, Sonnenburg and Jefferson Parks are all in need of repair due to their age, wear and tear. Ideally, the structures at the parks will become full year use to reduce the winterizing of the various buildings. Councilmembers suggest long range planning for these capital improvements. City Manager Goodwin said the city, after review of the 2021 budget, ended the year fairly well with a surplus and could start to completely replace Sonnenburg and Baker to have new restroom facilities, brand new buildings, Jefferson would be next. Sonnenburg would most likely remain a seasonal park for their restroom facilities, but will review the potential to be year-round depending on the cost of renovation. The only park not really affected is Northeast Park as it is the newest and is shared by the school district and the City. The Park does not see the event traffic that the other parks experience and does not require the same level of work as the others do. The committee hopes to see an updated report with the cost estimates for the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chair White reviewed the Bike Share program that the Mayor has established through transportation/trolley committee and they have been reviewing alternative transportation for the City. Mayor Palumbo explained that the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority has been working with the committee on a possible bike share plan through a grant they presently have. Mayor Palumbo discussed the grant opportunity that has connected them to HOPR, who is out of Florida, that is currently working with a few municipalities in the area, offering their bike share program. Bonnie Maguire from RTS explained that they have a three-year grant program with HOPR, of which they are in year two, the grant would cover the cost of the bikes and the stations program for the period of two years. In the interim, HOPR would be working to secure advertising that secure the cost of the bikes and their stations. Isaac explained that it would be blended funding, some grant funding might be available through New York State for bike sharing and previously has worked with ESL for the current contract in the area. Councilmember Sutton asked about the cost after the grant completes and Bonnie said that is the goal of the advertising to pay for the costs moving forward. Costs moving forward to the City could be based on the number of bikes and stations. Denise Chaaple from the BID expressed what a great opportunity this is for our college students to be able to have the transportation to explore downtown as well as the tourism potential. She also added that through their discovery, HOPR will be manage the care of the bikes. The contract with the City is in development and yet to be reviewed. Ideally, the program would consist of bike renting stations in select areas around the City, those renting the bikes would be financially responsible for their use and potential liability should something happen. More discussion will be forthcoming on safety and the contract review.

Chair White reviewed the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and fireworks were discussed. The 2022 budget does include the fireworks. Chair White discussed Councilmembers concerns about the environmental impact of the fireworks and hesitancy to move forward. Additionally, the barge that the City has used is no longer viable, and would have to be replaced. Plus, the added staffing concerns for the City for the day of the event. For the parade, the consultant that the City has worked with on parade management is no longer available either. City Manager Goodwin explained the cost of the repairs to the Barge could be around \$10-15K, which he does not recommend spending. He has suggested partnering with the BID to manage the parade and to potentially partner with either the Country Club and the Lake House who have private fireworks occasionally to help overcome the barge issue. Goodwin acknowledges that the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday is a cherished celebration in the community on wanting the parade and the fireworks to continue. Denise Chaaple said that the BID has agreed to manage the parade but has not yet presented to the BID Board. Councilmembers discussed potential partnership for fireworks. Councilmember Dittmar does not want to move forward with fireworks and fixing the barge. Councilmember Covington said that it is a concern because the community is very tied by tradition and a potential partnership conversation should take place, although he is not in favor of renovating the barge. Mayor Palumbo reviewed of the materials of the fireworks with Young Explosives and they said there are no plastics used, they are comprised of cardboard and paper. Mayor Palumbo said that Young Explosives who is doing the fireworks for the Winter Carnival this coming weekend was working with either Marine Blue or Jeremy Fields for the use for the use of the barge. He said that there isn't a need for the barge as long as Young is able to set that up with either vendor. City Manager Goodwin clarified that the barge they use is significantly smaller,

which would reduce the size of the fireworks show. City Manager Goodwin commented that there were a large number of calls and emails about the lack of fireworks and residents were upset that the fireworks did not happen over the last couple of years. City Manager and the BID Manager is putting together a contract for the parade management. Councilmember Lyon asked about the traditional community picnic for the holiday and City Manager Goodwin said that there would not be a community picnic. Councilmembers discussed potential other locations for the fireworks, but those locations are private and may not be applicable. After discussion, Chair White called for a motion for the BID to be in charge of the parade, so moved by Councilmember Covington and seconded by Councilmember Sutton, unanimously passed and carried. Discussion on fireworks did not yield a motion to move forward. Chair White adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm. The next meeting of the committee is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Ordinance Committee:** Renée Sutton, Chair  
Sim Covington, Jr.  
Erich Dittmar  
Karen White

Also present Steve Uebbing  
Mayor Palumbo

City Staff: John Goodwin, City Manager  
David Hou, City Attorney

Chair Sutton welcomed the committee members and reviewed the agenda. They have one item on the agenda and ordinance for the use of bicycles in the downtown business district, in consideration of the bike share program previously reviewed in the Environmental Committee meeting. Councilmembers discussed the current ordinance in place. Education for the public may be needed on areas that bikes in the BID district where bikes need to be walked. Councilmember Covington said that with an increase of out of the area students to the College, education will be essential. City Manager Goodwin said that this is an area they discussed with HOPR and that once a bike is rented, the app that HOPR uses, downloads the rules of the area to the person renting. City Manager said they are reviewing the station locations and the thought is to have the stations outside of the BID area but nothing concrete has been determined. Chair Sutton inquired on why bikes were left out of the ordinance (Chapter 271-4) which discusses how law enforcement can seize a skateboard or scooters that are operated in the BID District. They also wanted to review the fines and penalties for infractions including the jail time. City Manager and City Attorney David Hou pointed out the language is verbatim from the state statutes for all municipalities for code sections, very common boilerplate language. David Hou clarified that if the language is removed than jail would not be an option for an offender. Chair Sutton asked if the ordinance can be updated with the penalties removed and possibly changed to \$50.00 fine, add bicycle to section B (to be included with skateboards and scooters) and remove the prohibition for street. David will draft and update the ordinance for review for the next meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Chair Sutton called for motion to adjourn by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Dittmar. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

