CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Barker called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Staff Present: Mark Olinger & Kay Rutledge

Others: Mike Statz

Present: 8 -
           Marsha A. Rummel; Joseph R. Clausius; William W. Barker; Nancy T. Ragland; Bradley C. Mullins; Amy T. Overby; Susan M. Schmitz and Truly Remarkable Loon

Absent: 2 -
         Joe Sensenbrenner and Leslie C. Schroeder

Excused: 1 -
         Phyllis Wilhelm

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 19, 2010

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Overby, to Approve the Minutes.

Mr. Loon stated that at the bottom of page 3, it should be clarified when Mr. Sensenbrenner stated "two or three times the current footprint than in the original plan." Also, on page 5 he asked if we own land. Mr. Olinger stated that we do.

The motion passed by voice vote with the above amendments.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3 Track Relocation - Status Update

Mr. Olinger stated the Capital Budget is up for adoption on November 16-18. If approved, there will be $4.6 million to spend next year. Part of this is dependent on the track relocation. The Mayor has in his budget funds to provide for realignment of the tracks. If this happens this would follow closely the East Rail Plan. There are still a lot of discussions that need to occur for this to happen. Not sure if Department of Transportation (DOT) is supportive of this with Amtrak plans. Staff from City Engineering and Mayor’s staff meet
with DOT on a regular basis. DOT did not want to be involved with land acquisition. DOT had done an environmental impact statement for part of it, but not the north piece. Budget allows us to make the necessary acquisitions to do the northern alignment. DOT could still come back and say they’re not interested. Alignment now is all owned by Union Pacific Railroad. DOT is trying to buy all the right of way. State would then flip it to the City with the corridor at no cost (a couple of acres). State & Union Pacific are a long way away from a negotiation of sale. This would be a huge savings to the City for the Park.

**Proposed Schedule:**
- Preliminary Data to WDOT: November 15, 2010
- DOT Hire HNTB to revise EIS: December 1, 2010
- Revise EIS: January 15, 2011 (30 days + 15 days + 30 days) - April 1, 2011
- Preliminary Design: January 15, 2011
- Right-of-way plat: January 30, 2011
- Final Design
- Relocation Order - Common Council Approval: March 15, 2011
- City owns right-of-way: August 15, 2011
- Plans and specs: July 1, 2011
- Contracts: December 1, 2011+

There is $2 million in the budget next year for Brearly Square. There have been some good discussions with one of the major property owners in Brearly Square about buying their parcel. They came to us last spring ($1.9 million). Have not entered into a letter of intent yet, but that is their intention. Research Products has told all their employees of their intentions. Does not include Sands property.

**Timing of Acquisitions:**
- Brearly Square
- Acquisitions
- 2012 - Subject to further review, start construction in Brearly Square. Begin using the Baldwin money.
- 2013 - Great Lawn work
- 2013-2014 - Acquisition of Sands
- End of 2014 this phase would all be done.
- This area would still be track until 2013. Sometime in 2013 trains will be running.

Mr. Loon asked about water being diverted. Mr. Olinger said that’s an Engineering question.

Ms. Overby asked how confident Olinger is about these monies being in place. Alder Clausius said he is confident.

Mr. Olinger stated that Capital Improvement Plan (5-year plan) gets adopted with next year’s plan (a blueprint). If the Capital Improvement Plan gets
adopted, he is pretty confident. Real funding is being made available for this project.

4 Federal Earmark Funds and Eligibility Issues

Mr. Olinger stated Rep. Baldwin got us $3.5 million for pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements. DOT has requirements for what are eligible improvements. They don’t believe a path that doesn’t get you from Point A to Point B is an eligible expense. As the new designs begin to emerge, we will continue to check in with DOT. It is not our intent that we will design to the earmark. We will get things in there that meet the $3.5 million earmark. Will design a park and make sure there are elements in there that fit the earmark.

Mr. Loon asked if we know about the crossing/safety devices that would allow it to be a quiet corridor and if those are eligible for the Federal earmark funds. Mr. Olinger stated this will be a quiet corridor. DOT will pick up all the quiet zones. There is still a discussion about street closings. Brearly and Livingston are on the table. DOT/Amtrak is doing the entire corridor study. Blount wasn’t mentioned. There are some pedestrian/bike crossings where there might be vehicular closings.

5 Planning/Schematic Design and Master Plan Update

Mr. Olinger stated we will need to amend the Master Plan if all of this occurs. We will need to rethink a little about programming. The original plan had 30+ acres. Then it became 7 acres. The program changed a little bit with the acreage. Now we have to go back and rethink programs, location of programs, Ingersoll Street, cap issue on Great Lawn piece, Brearly Square (don’t know if we’ll need a cap). A lot more design work will need to occur. Did get contract with Lorna Jordan ($50,000 from National Endowment of the Arts). Have to come up with other $50,000. Asked for $100,000. That’s not a problem. Still have to work out her scope. #1 is art approach - her discovery of art in the area. #2 is to help in design development and a portion of construction documentation. We received an extension from NEA until the end of next year.

Mr. Barker asked when the right time to start planning is.

Mr. Olinger responded after the election next week to see who the Lt. Governor is and whether there will be trains in the picture and if the train stays where it is. We need to at least proceed with Brearly Square and the acquisition of one parcel. Things are moving closer to a larger park depending on the election of governor.

Ms. Overby asked how much land we gain by moving the tracks. Mr. Olinger responded closer to 15 acres, doubling the size.

Mr. Barker asked if that includes the Sands property and Mr. Olinger said that it did.
Mr. Barker stated this footprint now is a real possibility. The support is very gratifying. The Task Force has been a big part of this.

Mr. Olinger stated there will be TIF supported GO borrowing, the earmark from Rep. Baldwin and some funds from the Stormwater Utility. City-wide effect at this point: Mayor - $2 million in GO, have $5 million of TIF supported borrowing, $3.1 million in earmarks, for a total of $11.9 million.

Alder Clausius asked where does the Skate Park plan fit in all of this. Mr. Olinger stated that Mr. Briski had a meeting with the State. Alder Clausius stated he was also at the meeting and it went very well. They want to start a preliminary fund raising.

Mr. Olinger stated in addition to the $11.9 million, an amendment was made in the Capital Budget process for some assistance to help match private fundraising for the Skate Park.

Mr. Mullins asked if the Union Pacific’s talks are affected by Amtrak. Mr. Olinger stated he doesn’t know but will find out.

*Marsha Rummel left at 8:53 a.m.*

Mr. Barker asked if High Speed Rail would share a track. Mr. Olinger stated we don’t know yet. The right-of-way is wide enough for two tracks plus the MG&E spur.

### Moving Forward with Task Force and Public Input

Mr. Olinger stated that he would work with staff and report back at the December 15 meeting. He asked the Task Force to think about whether they want to be a part of the design. Mr. Marker stated he thinks they’re in this for the long haul.

Ms. Ragland asked which plan we revise.

Mr. Barker advised that we stick with the uses we decided on.

Mr. Olinger questioned whether Wilson changes; does bike path change; there’s a lot to go through again even with the “3” plan, McCarthy Plan.

Mr. Barker stated we shouldn’t plan anything until we have the footprint finalized and know what streets are going to close.

Mr. Olinger stated the City has entered into an agreement to purchase Don Miller property on East Washington Avenue. There are activities in the works at Marquip. Things happening as asides that will affect the development of the Park. A Sustainability grant was received for East Washington Avenue. Investments starting to happen.

Next meeting: December 15th. Nancy to send reminder - let her know if you can’t make it.
7 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Mullins, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.