

**CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALL/WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

PRESENT: John Cotugno, Mayor; Linda Moore, Vice Mayor; Tracey Zudans, Councilmember; John Carroll, Councilmember and Rey Neville, Councilmember **Also Present:** Monte Falls, City Manager; John Turner, City Attorney and Sherri Philo, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cotugno called today's meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

A) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cotugno led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

B) Roll Call

The Deputy City Clerk performed the roll call.

2. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

A) Discuss Pocahontas Park

Mayor Cotugno thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. He said this was a special topic that they all have an interest in. He then gave a Power Point presentation (attached to the original minutes). He said they have been discussing a Downtown Master Plan and to him it has five (5) key components to it. The traffic study for the Twin Pairs, which has begun; a retail study, workplace affordable housing, and where it would be located and its potential impact to downtown, the Jimmy Graves Community Complex, and the missing part of the puzzle was Pocahontas Park and its community impact and where it sits within the community and the downtown. He said Pocahontas Park is the jewel of downtown. It has become unsightly and it has a perception of being unsafe. He said the Park was the gathering spot in the past. There were ballfields there at one time, they had a bear there at one time, they had an alligator there at one time and they also had an airplane there at one time. He said the City Council was not here to solve the unhoused issue. They do not have the wherewithal to solve that issue. He felt that the issue was how do they revitalize the Park and make the citizens feel like it is their Park again. He said the citizens don't feel that it is their Park and they don't feel comfortable going there. He said from his own personal experience of walking through, in, and around the Park he could understand where the perception is that the Park needed to be addressed. He said the City has been looking at private/public partnerships. They have been successful in some of their other ventures with private/public partnerships and they have looked at corporate sponsorships. He said when you benchmark other communities where successes have happened in revitalizing areas somewhere along the line there was a corporate sponsor involved. They also believe that the Park needs to be reengineered. He said they believe enhanced police presence is needed, which was more to give the confidence to the citizens. They also need to revisit the Park Ordinances. He felt that they needed to generate a timetable. They need to define MainStreet Vero Beach's involvement, identify corporate partners, execute agreements with all parties, and align their

resources. He hoped they could start this now. From his standpoint it is never too early to begin. That is the reason that he requested this meeting and the rest of the City Council agreed.

Mr. Carroll said the City Council has had two (2) meetings on the downtown area previously. He suggested that since they have good attendance that they open the meeting up to the public to see what they have to say.

Mrs. Zudans said that she would like to hear from the public first before she hears from the dais.

Vice Mayor Moore agreed.

Mayor Cotugno opened public comments at 3:10 p.m. He said they would try to keep this organized from a time standpoint, which they normally allow three (3) minutes. He said they would try to keep it so that they don't interrupt anyone's thoughts.

Ms. Mary Downen-Ingerson (spelling may be incorrect) read a prepared statement. She said that she was born and raised in Vero Beach. Her parents, Walter and Agnes Downen moved here in 1948 and raised their family of five (5). After her father's death in 1994 they paid \$700 for a memorial bench and commemorative plaque and after their mother's death in 2015 they paid \$150 to redo the plaque to include her name. The money spent was not the issue. The issue was the meaning that the bench has had for their family for over 30 years. They don't have a gravesite to visit because her parents were cremated. She and her brother still live in Vero Beach and when their siblings and their families come to Vero Beach for a visit, those visits always include a trip to the bench. They are aware of the homeless situation in the downtown and Pocahontas Park area. She said their bench was the first to go because it was closest to the fountain. They purchased the bench not only to honor their parents, but to also have a place of remembrance for future generations. She asked that the benches be returned to their original location where they have been for many years for all to enjoy.

Ms. Barbara Ruddy said they put in a bandshell in Forsyth Park in Savannah, Georgia, which became a real focal point and that could occur here beautifully. Savannah also had two (2) police officers, one (1) male and one (1) female, who walked the streets to assist people and they were very friendly and became ambassadors.

Mr. Taylor Dingle said that he has had some bad experiences and has witnessed some negative interactions in this area. He said it is a safety issue, but really it is a health concern with things that are going on in the fountain, behind the fountain and on the benches. He was told that someone stepped on a needle. He said that he kept hearing that there has to be a solution so he took it upon himself to look for that solution. He researched the States of Washington and California where this issue is a little more severe. What he found was that most of the local governments passed a no camping Ordinance. When he researched this in the State of Florida he found that the City of Sarasota and the City of West Palm Beach passed a similar Ordinance. He felt the right move was to have one (1) or two (2) officers patrol the area, but questioned what they could actually do. He said if they implement a no camping Ordinance the officers would have a reason to remove those individuals from the area. He said that he heard that people were bringing mattresses, bringing buckets to sit and eat on, and sleeping bags. He said this could easily be removed with a no camping Ordinances. He said that he shared with the City the Ordinances that he found and the language for them. His recommendation was that the City Council have staff move forward on this. He felt it was a very simple solution and they could get the benches back and they can enjoy Pocahontas Park again.

Mr. John Calcagno, President and CEO of Piper Aircraft, said they are beyond honored to be headquartered here. On a personal level, he considers himself blessed to live here. He said they have a responsibility to this community and they are financially committed to being the lead sponsor related to the Pocahontas Park revitalization.

Mr. Anthony Zorbaugh, Executive Director of the Source, said they heard about the benches being removed and about the issues of vagrants being downtown. He said they came up with a unique solution to some of these problems. They committed some operational funds and are not asking for any City dollars or any County dollars. They came up with a program called "Community Works." They believe they change lives in this community one street at a time, one plate at a time and one bed at a time. He said they also believe that the single greatest reason for homelessness is a profound catastrophic loss of family. Therefore, when benches and receptacles are removed from the community they are pushing people farther and farther away. They also believe that housing would never solve homelessness, but community will. He gave a Power Point presentation on Community Works (attached to the original minutes). He said starting June 1st they will see individuals from the community with trash bags, shovels, brooms, etc., to do their part to help the City. He noted that this program is a volunteer work experience program that invites people experiencing homelessness to volunteer on teams dedicated to cleaning streets, Parks, and other public spaces while they chart a path out of homelessness. He said they started this program on Commerce Avenue as a pilot program a few weeks ago. Their goal is to make people employable and get them out of homelessness. He said they put together an operational budget and are willing to commit over \$30,000 to make this happen.

Mr. Carroll asked is this a pilot program.

Mr. Zorbaugh said they have money invested and are going to be out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., starting June 1st.

Mr. Monte Falls, City Manager, said when Mr. Zorbaugh came to him with this he was a little skeptical at first because they were going to do work for them for nothing and he questioned what was the catch. He said they put their heads together and found a way to make this work. They have met several times and included the Police Department and the Public Works Department to see how they would roll this out. They chose some areas that are in front of public property first to work out the kinks and then they will move onto other areas. He said that he walked the downtown area today and felt that it would really benefit from what the Source was going to do. He thanked the Source for coming forward with this program.

Mr. Zorbaugh said they get complaints all the time and wanted to come to the table with a solution.

Mr. Falls noted that initially they would have a supervisor with them, as well as some City staff.

Mr. Neville asked if they would have someone who would be engaging with people who may be relaxing in the Park.

Mr. Zorbaugh said that's the beauty of it. It is peer to peer interaction. When they start to see their peers working they would have more of an effective conversation than they would have with a police officer.

Mr. Matt Haynes, Executive Director of MainStreet Vero Beach, said they have taken the responsibility to work with the business owners and the property owners downtown as this rolls out so that everyone knows what is happening.

Ms. Barbara Ruddy said this was a great initiative and she was thrilled. She said that she likes the idea of public/private enterprise so when she spoke with the people of the Source she asked them to price out their days work so that people like herself and others could contribute to their workload. She thought in doing that maybe they could increase it from three (3) days a week to possibly four (4) or five (5) days a week. She said that she was thrilled about Piper's contribution.

Mr. Rayme Nuckles, C.E.O. of the Treasure Coast Homeless Service Council, gave Council a copy of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, 7 Principles for Addressing Encampments (attached to the original minutes). He said that he lives in downtown and walks through the Park with his service dog every day. He was glad to see that Mr. Zorbaugh was stepping up to the plate with the "Community Works" program. He said there are several in the community who have been working on the other side of the issue, which is the housing component. On an annual basis they house over 200 families in this community with the funds that their organization receives. He said they would be receiving additional funds this year and because he is part of this community they hired two (2) individuals to do street outreach. He said if they are not familiar with people who have trauma and have experienced homelessness, that trauma can take a very long time for them to engage in services. He said that his organization and community partners have been working with one (1) Veteran for over four (4) years who has been living in a tent in an encampment. He just recently accepted to go to a shelter. He hoped the community understands that when Community Works is out there trying to clean up the Park and engages these individuals, his outreach team would be trying to engage them more to get them into housing. He said this is not going to happen overnight. He said if they are specifically targeting Pocahontas Park as an encampment, which he believes it is, they have to work on the housing component. He is committing that they would provide housing to those individuals who engage.

Vice Mayor Moore said it would be great if everyone could work together.

Mr. Joseph Guffanti asked that a Councilmember make a statement on exactly why this meeting is taking place, what the problem is, and specifically if anybody is committing a crime in the Pocahontas Park area. He said that he first would like to hear a statement on why they were here and what they perceived as a problem. He said this is a very legitimate question.

Mayor Cotugno said on numerous occasions the City Council have been approached by citizens either directly at City Council meetings, personally, at places of business, or through emails and correspondences of many different sources that there is an issue at Pocahontas Park and people do not feel comfortable and have lost their Park. He said when you have that conversation numerous times, the City Council has decided that they should open this discussion up to the community as they try to make Pocahontas Park the community center for downtown.

Mr. Guffanti assumed the rest of the City Councilmembers concur.

Mrs. Zudans said it is the City Council's responsibility to make sure their citizens are safe and that they are not afraid to go to a public recreation area like the Park. That is another reason they are here today.

Mr. Guffanti asked what is the reason for the fear.

Mrs. Zudans said there have been issues with trespassing behind businesses, inappropriate behavior by people in Pocahontas Park, and a lack of an Ordinance to be able to initiate removal of that. There is a safety issue and a public health issue going on that has been raised by citizens of the community and therefore, it is the City Council's responsibility to address those issues.

Mr. Guffanti asked if these situations were confined in the City to one (1) particular area, such as Pocahontas Park or were there other areas that are experiencing the same discomfort.

Vice Mayor Moore said they are here today to talk specifically about Pocahontas Park.

Mr. Guffanti said so they are singling out Pocahontas Park and essentially ignoring other areas that may suffer from the same malady.

Vice Mayor Moore said nobody is ignoring anything.

Mrs. Zudans said no one is ignoring anything. It just happens to be the reason for today's meeting.

Mr. Guffanti asked why did they single out Pocahontas Park.

Mrs. Zudans said because they are working on a Downtown Master Plan and Pocahontas Park is part of that. It is one (1) of the top five (5) priorities that was addressed by the dais.

Mr. Guffanti said so in the Master Plan there was no other area that suffered from the perceived malady.

Mrs. Zudans said the Master Plan encompasses just the Downtown Master Plan and this is one (1) component of that plan.

Mr. Guffanti questioned so there is no place in the other parts of downtown Vero Beach that suffer from the perceived problem.

Mrs. Zudans asked are you saying that you know of a place.

Mr. Guffanti said that he is not saying anything. He is asking.

Mrs. Zudans said that she is asking the same question. She asked is there another area that you would like them to address.

Mr. Guffanti said that he was not familiar with the problem. He said that he doesn't know what the problem is.

Mrs. Zudans said this has been the most vocal by the community as far as a situation so that happens to be why this was brought up today.

Mr. Guffanti asked what is the origin of the fear.

Mr. Carroll questioned if this was appropriate for them to be going back and forth. He felt they should cut this off.

Mr. John Turner, City Attorney, said this is a workshop and normally there is some interaction. He said it is okay for a speaker to ask some questions, but the interaction interrupts the flow of the meeting.

Mayor Cotugno asked Mr. Guffanti if he has any further questions that he please send him an email or they could have a one on one conversation, but as of now this is over.

Mr. Guffanti said that is very interesting.

Mayor Cotugno said they are over. If he wanted to make a statement that was fine.

Mr. Guffanti said that he just tried to do that and you interrupted me.

Mayor Cotugno apologized. He asked Mr. Guffanti to please make his statement.

Mr. Guffanti said that he only cares to discuss anything with them in the public. He said that he has no interest in seeing anyone outside of these Chambers. He said it is nice of them to find comfort in cutting him off. He said that is all you can do. It is a pathetic situation. He said the Chief of Police is in the room and if you have a problem with anybody in Pocahontas Park or any place else maybe that is who he should talk to and not all these people. He said that he was sure that the Police Chief does a fine job.

Mrs. Tara Wright, Executive Director of the Buggy Bunch, said they are located around the corner from Pocahontas Park. She said they have hundreds of families coming into their Center every day and thousands of families every month who would love to utilize the Park. They did have a family whose child was stuck by a needle while playing at Pocahontas Park and the child had to endure tests over weeks and months to make sure the child was clear of any diseases. She said as a parent you could only imagine what that would be like. She has dozens of comments from their families leading up to this meeting that she could read to them, but the general consensus was that their children were being approached, they were not able to use the restrooms because they didn't feel safe and they didn't know what they were going to encounter if they went in there. She said there are legitimate safety issues that are occurring at Pocahontas Park. She felt that they had a lot of fantastic ideas that will help fix this issue. They just need to all work together.

Ms. Meredith Egan, C.E.O. of the United Way of Indian River County, said they are located in downtown Vero Beach. She reported that United Way does a beautification project annually in Pocahontas Park. They installed the board running trail and they have the little free library there. She was not stating that the Park could not use a lot of sprucing up. She said with them being located in the downtown they experience a lot of the homelessness issue first hand. People come into their office all the time looking for services. She assured them that no Ordinances or removal of the benches were going to change the issue. She said they have a lot of passionate professionals working in this space and she implored the City to engage with them and learn about the services that are already being offered and how they could leverage them and increase capacity. She said that is the real issue. She said they have had this conversation about Pocahontas Park before. She said when you reference a public/private partnership it is really about understanding the entire infrastructure that it will take to demonstrate the impact and to see the results they were looking for.

Mayor Cotugno closed public comments at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Carroll said this problem is everywhere. It is not unique to Vero Beach and it is not unique to Pocahontas Park. He felt that they had a pretty good situation than other cities that he has visited in recent months. He said their job is not to try to solve this problem. What they need is a person who is going to be in charge of this group and get them together to see what elements they can get from these various groups and get them together functionally. He said from the dais all they are going to be able to do is assist financially and work through staff. He did not think any Ordinance or Resolution they could generate would change that.

Mayor Cotugno said the issue from his point of view was that they are passionate about downtown and they are investing some dollars in a Master Plan that would entail retail studies, traffic studies, etc. He said they cannot neglect the Park. The Park is an essential part of the downtown. It is where people through perception or reality believe there is an issue with the Park. He said the City has a certain finite amount of resources. They have had success in the past with private/public partnerships. He said discussions with the Source and with Piper Aircraft didn't begin today. There has been ongoing discussions with these organizations with staff and leadership of staff fully cognizant of these conversations of how they could get help in getting the Park moving forward sooner than later. The Master Plan is a fairly long term project and addressing the Twin Pairs is a long term project. Right now they have an opportunity, which is the Park. He said there was a stakeholder meeting that was hosted by United Against Poverty and everyone was invited. He said they are not going to solve the homeless or housing issue. He said they are responsible for the security of their citizens. He felt that they should feel comfortable going to their Park and right now they don't. What he was trying to get coordinated was an effort on the part of the public, the City, private citizens and businesses to rejuvenate the Park and to continue that with the downtown plan. That was all they were trying to do. He said they had two (2) partners who stepped up and said they would like to help. He said that he understood that there were details that need to be ironed out, but they have to start somewhere.

Vice Mayor Moore felt that they made a very good start on solving some basic problems. Having the Source help cleanup and sprucing up the Park was one facet. Additional police patrol and additional police in the area would make people feel safer. She said they just started discussions with Piper and she hoped this would involve more lighting. She said they took the benches out thinking that it was going to help. However, it hasn't really helped. She felt it was time to put the benches back. It was her opinion that it did not solve any problems. She felt their hearts were in the right place and they thought it might help. Now no one has a place to sit in the Park. She said that she has a business in downtown and they hear every day from someone who is complaining about the benches not being there anymore. She said they tried it, it didn't work, so they need to put the benches back. She said that she started a project on rehabilitating the fountain and then some members of the City Council expressed getting rid of the fountain.

Mr. Carroll said as a Rotarian he felt that he could discuss the fountain since it was the Rotary's fountain. He felt that the fountain was poorly designed in the beginning. He felt that the fountain was too large for the location that it is in. It blocks off the diagonal views across the Park of their historic buildings. His suggestion would be to take down the back wall and temporarily infill the fountain with some landscaping until they come up with a master plan. They would make the fountain a planter temporarily, which would solve some of the issues.

Mrs. Zudans said they could always add another water feature that has been engineered and built appropriately for longevity and sustainability. It was not like they were eliminating the fountain and there was never going to be a water feature there again. It was just that it could potentially cost more money

to fix and rehabilitate than it would to put in a new water feature that could be more useful by the community in general.

Mrs. Zudans said it was her opinion that the number one role of government is public safety. When your community is being very vocal about not feeling safe it is her responsibility as an Elected Official to not only listen, but try to come up with solutions with other community partners as to how they could fix it and make people feel safe again. She said that she has been involved in non-profit work and philanthropy and with many of the organizations represented here and she could not tell them how excited she was to see everyone wanting to work collaboratively together to help move forward on this. She felt that removing those benches was like one of those hard things that you have to do. She noted that some of the benches needed to be rehabbed. She said they were not safe to sit on. She felt that in the process of cleaning up the Park and bringing the benches back they need to look at making sure the benches were safe to sit on.

Vice Mayor Moore agreed.

Mr. Neville asked in bringing those benches back, how would that make it any different than it was before.

Vice Mayor Moore said it hasn't made it any different than it was before by removing the benches other than there was nowhere to sit.

Mr. Neville said if that was true then there still would be no place to sit for the most part.

Mrs. Zudans said it was her understanding that part of the collaborative effort was the engagement of the community with the people who are at the Park would allow a different environment so they probably would not have the situation where the benches were being taken up all the time. She felt this was a great first step and she is willing to get out there and volunteer with the Community Works group or any other non-profit organization that would like her to volunteer with them.

Mr. Neville said that he was curious about the unhoused population in the community and how much migration in and out takes place. He questioned how many people were actually Indian River County citizens that fell into homelessness. He was curious if anyone in attendance knew the amount of new people that were coming in here, the people who have been here for a while and move south and move north, etc.

Mr. Rayme Nuckles reported that his organization and the other community partners annually are required to count in one single 24-hour time period all those who are sheltered and unsheltered. They did that on January 26, 2023 and they counted 341 individuals, which was an increase of 51 individuals so there was an 18% increase from the previous year. Their Veteran component went from 21 individuals to 30 individuals, which was a 43% increase. He noted that this was one (1) given night. He said that 73% of the individuals who seek services were residents who have been living in this community for more than five (5) years.

Mr. Neville asked Mr. Nuckles what is his judgement of the number of people who were not counted because they were encamped in places that he didn't know about.

Mr. Nuckles said the encampments were counted twice during that time period.

Mr. Neville said there has to be people who were not in normal encampments. He was curious if they had a handle on how many others there were.

Mr. Nuckles said there are individuals who refuse to participate in the survey, but that was about 2%.

Vice Mayor Moore said that the homeless people who hangout downtown and at Pocahontas Park are known. She said that she sees the same faces all the time and the Police Officers know them by their first name.

Mr. Neville said what he was trying to get at was that based on what he was being told, this was encouraging in that they know these people and over time, such as with the Veteran who finally accepted services, he felt they had an opportunity to really make a difference.

Mr. Nuckles said that he understood the Councils' will to clean up the Park, but housing is a public safety issue so they really do have to work on the housing component.

Vice Mayor Moore agreed. She said if they tell people to leave the Park they have to have some place to go.

Mr. Matt Haynes said when they held the roundtable meetings the first thing they did was take homelessness off the table. They didn't discuss it because they could not solve it. He said there was positive discussions regarding lighting, increased security, police presence, etc. They discussed a lot of things that go beyond taking out benches and redoing fountains. He felt that they needed to stick to how they can get the downtown on a right path in making people feel safe, which means more lights, more police presence, etc. Today's conversation went right back to trying to solve the homeless issue, but they are not going to solve it.

Mr. Marty Parris said that he and his wife own Parris Productions and one of the most precious things that they do is Public Relations (PR) for the Source. He said they think they can solve homelessness. The Source has two (2) dignity buses that together have 36 sleeping pods for the homeless. He thought it was \$2.00 to get on the bus and they receive a safe night sleep and breakfast in the morning. In addition, they purchased property in Sebastian called Dignity Village that would have 20 homes that is almost completed. They also have three (3) off-site trailers. They will be getting another dignity bus in the next month or so with another 20 sleeping pods. They were up to almost 90 places for people to sleep every night. He said they can solve homelessness and the Source was doing a great job.

Mayor Cotugno said one (1) of the purposes of today's meeting was to have the corporate and business partners who want to partner with the City in addressing the Pocahontas Park issue as perceived by the citizens and that is that they want their Park back. They have heard from everyone who wanted to speak today and there was no further comments from the dais. He said they have begun the process and have commitments. He felt it was time to narrow down their focus, which is the Park. He said they were not going to solve the unhoused/homeless issue. That it not what their purpose is. Their purpose is to make their citizens feel comfortable in using their Park. He said that he did not say they were going to eliminate unhoused people from using the Park. He just wanted to make sure that the citizens who use the Park feel comfortable. So when the Buggy Bunch brings their families to the Park they won't have to worry about using the restrooms, strolling through the Park, or even just walking by the fountain without worrying that they were going to be accosted. He said part of this is what he calls reengineering the Park in making it more conducive to the current environment. He said that he doesn't know what the final

look of the Park is going to be, but it is not going to be a decision by a few people, but a community decision. The decisions they have made have always involved and are going to involve the community, such as the Downtown Master Plan and the Three Corners property. What happens to the Park they would not solve today, but he would like to get the process started. They are at a point where more serious discussions need to take place. He asked Mr. Falls how he would like this to move forward.

Mr. Falls said they have heard some good ideas today and he needs to know from the Council on how they want to follow some of them. He noted that staff has made a commitment to bring before Council at budget time some additional manpower in the Police Department so they could have more presence downtown. He felt this would help people to feel safer and it would help in response time if there is something going on. He said they would work on the benches in getting them cleaned and sealed so they would be ready to be put back when they decide it is time to put them back. He felt it was important to have additional police presence downtown before they bring the benches back. He said that the Police Chief has told him that the number of people that he sees downtown has changed somewhat. They did not eliminate it by removing the benches. He said they didn't want to take the benches out, but they were receiving complaints for people's safety. He reported that the benches were a partnership between the City and the Brackett family and he would be meeting with the Brackett family this week on another issue and he would discuss this with them. He said they were waiting on Florida Power and Light (FPL) to get the path for the lighting downtown and it is forthcoming. This is what staff is currently working on. He thanked Piper and the Source for making commitments to the downtown. He said the City did have a 33% staff reduction in 2008/2009 and they are starting to see that some of these things were not as spick and span as it used to be. He said they were going to make an impact on that with this new program.

Vice Mayor Moore thought it was a wonderful program and it was going to make a difference.

Mrs. Zudans said that she loves the program.

Mr. Falls said they heard a lot of good things today and they would need to prioritize them and start attacking them one at a time.

Mayor Cotugno asked Mr. Falls if he wanted an affirmation from Council to move forward.

Mr. Falls said that he would like the opportunity to digest what they have heard. He said that he would discuss this with staff during their staff meeting tomorrow. He would then put an outline together to bring before Council.

Vice Mayor Moore said that she would like to hear from the Rotary Club to see how they feel about the fountain. She felt that they should be a part of the conversation.

Mrs. Zudans suggested that Mr. Falls and Mr. Carroll take that action together.

Mayor Cotugno reopened public comments at 4:15 p.m.

Mrs. Sheila Schweitzer said that she is the owner of Sean Ryan's Pub downtown. She asked who is developing the Master Plan, will there be updates, and if they will have the ability to see it.

Mr. Falls answered yes. He explained that they have not engaged all the consultants yet. He said as they start holding meetings they would be advertised so that people could attend and make their comments.

Vice Mayor Moore said they were also going to hold public charrettes.

Mrs. Zudans thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. She said it was very impressive and she appreciated it.

Vice Mayor Moore also thanked everyone for attending today noting that everyone's input was very important to them. She said they were going to try to make a difference in the Park and make it better.

Mayor Cotugno thanked everyone who invested their time to attend today's meeting and for expressing their opinions.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments occurred under item 2).

4. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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