

Appleton Common Council Meeting

Wed, October 19, 2022 7:00 PM

Discussion on Item 22-1132 Request to approve Comprehensive Plan 2010-2030 Text Amendment #3-22 to amend Chapter 14: Downtown Plan, Section 4: Downtown Development Concept, Opportunity Site #7 Soldier's Square/YMCA Parking Ramp on Pages 314, 318 and 319, as identified in the attached documents and approve attached Resolution

Mayor Jake Woodford 10:22

Next is item from plan commission item 22-1133. Request to approve—excuse me. That's item 22-1132 request to approve comprehensive plan, text amendment number 322. We have a motion and a second to approve. Alder Schultz.

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 10:56

Thank you, Mayor. I just want to take a moment to thank staff and your office for recognizing the conversations, the really deep conversations we had over the past—it's been a number of years now but particularly this last cycle—about the importance of trying to do something with this space to to get it back to a little bit more of a semblance of a monument and reflection space for veterans. And I'm incredibly happy to see that we're going to codify this into the comprehensive plan. That gives the nonprofits that have been thinking about working or are working on doing some fundraising to partner with the city to to make this thing happen a baseline, and now they can say we have this project basically set up in the comp plan and we can move forward now with some of these fundraising endeavors. So very pleased to see this and again, commend staff. I have just one question on the language of the update. And that is the second bullet point which says "maintain street parking to support a variety of businesses and public ingress egress to area." My understanding of that language is it's open enough to allow for some change in the parking that's in that space. But I'd just like to hear from staff about that particular definition of "maintain street parking" and what that means for future development.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:16

Director Harkness.

Director Karen Harkness (Community And Economic Development) 12:19

Thank you. Yes, Aldersperson Schultz you're correct. There is no minimum or maximum identified in that statement, and it's to be able to give flexibility during our discussions. We've heard how important parking is in that area, but we also know that there's some flexibility to be able to utilize that space broader around the monument itself. So that was specifically chosen to allow some flexibility.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:46

Anything else?

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 12:47

I think we're good.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:48

Any further discussion? Hearing none, we have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. All right, the motion passes 14 to zero. The item has been approved.