

Item 25-0786: Approve Permanent Street Occupancy Permit for Heid Music Bench Placard in Durkee Street right-of-way at northeast corner of College Avenue intersection

Item 25-0789: Approve Long Term Temporary Street Occupancy Permit to Creative Downtown Appleton Inc (CDA) and Appleton Downtown Inc (ADI) for a modular parklet on the north side of Washington Street (NW corner of Washington Street and Appleton Street) at parking stall #289 per the On-Street Parklet Policy through October 31, 2025

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, Jul 07, 2025 4:30PM

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:39

Now we have no public hearings or appearances, and we will move to our action items, and we'll take up number 25-0786 first, approve permanent street occupancy permit for Heid Music bench placard in Durkee Street right of way at the northeast corner of College Avenue intersection. Can we get a motion?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:03

Move. Move to approve.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 02:06

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:06

All right, we have a motion and a second, and Ms. Heid was going to actually show us the plaque. And if you had anything to say, now would be the time. Okay. And if you'll just—you could bring that up here. If you don't mind or we did have a photo in it—of it in our meeting materials, but it's really cool to see the real thing.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:39

Okay, thank you so much. And did you have anything you would you wanted to say?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:42

All right, thank you so much. Are there any comments questions from up here?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:12

No, that is—we're just gonna, we're gonna head, go ahead and take our vote. All right, if there are....

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:21

How often do we approve plaques like this?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 03:29

Thank you, chair. So, I know that there are examples of placards like this on benches that are alongside park and rec trails. This is the first example that I'm aware of a bench and in amenity strip downtown.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:44

Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:45

All right, anything else? All right, seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. Aye. That passes four zero. Thank you. So that will come before the Council for final approval on the 16th— at the 16th of this month, at seven o'clock. If you want to speak at that meeting, get there a few minutes early and sign in, but it's not necessary for you to speak at that meeting, but that is when the final decision will take place. Thank you so much.

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Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 14:32

I see that Ms. Stephany is with us now, and if the committee and Attorney Behrens would indulge me, I would like to take up item 25-0789, at this time. All right, so 25-0789, approve long term temporary street occupancy permit to creative downtown Appleton, Inc, (CDA) Appleton Downtown Inc (ADI) for a modular parklet on the north side of Washington Street, the northwest corner of Washington Street and Appleton Street at parking stall number 289, per the on street parklet policy through October 31, 2025. Can I get a motion?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 15:18

Move to approve.

Adrian Stancil-Martin (District 11) 15:20

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 15:20

All right, we have a motion and a second. Ms. Stephany, did you have anything you wanted to say? Okay, all right, thank you. Alder Meltzer.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 15:30

Thank you. Is this the same location that it was last year?

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 15:37

Yes.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 15:38

Okay. The answer was yes. I'm not sure anyone said it into a microphone, so I just wanted to make sure that that wasn't just hanging there. Okay, and have we gotten any feedback? Is—are people appreciating it in this space? I know that in previous years, there had been some community comments about whether or not they liked the locations. I was just wondering if we had any feedback about that.

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 16:04

Director Jungwirth is taking this one?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 16:11

[...] staff were commenting before the meeting about the fact that the library was closed for a while. Now, with library being reopened, the library parking lot being open, there's little bit more foot traffic and just a little bit more activity general going on in this is in this vicinity. So, I think from DPW's standpoint, we're not we're not

aware of any problems with the other one. It's just maybe it was a little bit more off the perceived beaten path in past years when the library was under construction

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 16:42

Director Jungwirth?

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 16:45

Just adding that the one item I had received information on, our feedback on, was that it was warm. There wasn't much for shade in that location. So, I think that certainly we're open to the conversation of trying to find an alternate appropriate location, and open to that. Jen and I have been in conversation and assessing some alternatives. So given the timing for this year, we wanted to get this forward and approved to make sure we could we could get it out and have some usage on it. But I think we certainly are going to be furthering some conversations here this summer, fall, winter, and assessing some alternatives for next year.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 17:31

Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 17:33

Alder Schultz,

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 17:34

Yeah, just a quick question about that location. There's a property adjacent to that spot? Is there anything that could potentially happen with that property between now and the end of the season with the parklet that could influence it being positioned there?

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 17:46

So, one of the locations we had actually spoken about was—and I'll put it out there—at the end of one night, at the south end of Oneida Street, where the road is stubbed out. The reason we were not able to utilize that location or proceed with a parklet in that location is that the portion behind the sidewalk crossing is on private property still—within an easement. I should put it that way. It's on private property, but there is an easement for that road extension. Code for zoning does not allow for a temporary structure such as this to be placed on private property. So, unless there's future consideration for a variance or reassessment of the policy, as of right now, the parklet cannot go on private property. It can only go within the right of way in accordance with the parklet policy. So again, these are conversations we'll have to further and decide how we want to proceed in the future. So that's the reason that those alternatives at this point in time were not pursued.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 18:55

Just curious about—

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 18:55

Or maybe I misunderstood the question.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 18:55

Well, there's a property that's right next to where this parklet is being proposed, that's been for sale, and I didn't know could something potentially happen with that property that would influence this year's, because there's a separation between it and the sidewalk. It's really not—a non-issue for that, whatever happens to that property.

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 19:17

I would think there's unless there's construction activities that might impede or have an effect on, we would assess that at that time when they would come to us, but at this time, no.

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 19:22

Thank you.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 19:23

All right. Anyone else?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 19:27

Looking forward to enjoying the parklet for another summer.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 19:31

All right. With seeing no other questions or comments, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. All right, so that passes three zero, and we will note Alder Schultz has abstained. Thank you.