Joining the Age-Friendly Network

Commitment to making community livable for residents of all ages, from birth through retirement

- City Council Resolution - Oct. 22, 2019
- WHO and AARP Approved - December 2019
Age-Friendly lens

Prepare for rapid aging of population by paying increased attention to factors that influence health and well-being:

✓ Environmental
✓ Economic
✓ Social
What are we already doing

- Planning documents
- ADA compliance
- Wellbeing Advisory Committee
- Designations
- Complete Streets
- Housing
- Active Transportation
- Volunteerism
Participation = Continuous Cycle of Improvement

- Plan (years 1-2)
  - Establish mechanisms to involve older people
  - Baseline assessment
  - Development of three-year action plan
  - Identify indicators for monitoring progress

- Implement (years 3-5)

- Evaluate (years 5+)
Next Steps

Determine timeline, scope and stakeholders

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Lantern Art Project
Project Goals

• Enhance vitality and identity of the community
• Highly visible day and night, from inside and outside the U.S. Cellular Center
• Must be an original piece of work designed for the site
• Preference for programmable, kinetic, and colorful eco-friendly lighted elements
• Maximum budget of $100,000
Selection Process

• 7/16: Call for Artists via CaFE
• 9/5: CaFE deadline. 71 submissions received
• 10/3: VAC reviewed submissions and selected 9 finalist. Requested site specific proposals from finalists.
• 11/4: Received proposals from 7 of the 9 finalists. Asked follow-up questions via email to some of these finalists
• 12/4: VAC subcommittee met to review artist answers
• 12/12: VAC recommended artist for the project
Recommended Artist

- John Fleming
- Based in Seattle
- Recent Public Art Commissions:
  - San Francisco
  - Vail, CO
  - Tempe, AZ
  - Seattle, WA
  - Bellevue, WA
Previous Work
Site Specific Proposal
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Timeline

• Artist will lead a public photography workshop to gather 300 “portraits” for the piece—Spring 2020
• Final installation—late Summer 2020
Next Steps

January 28: Contract approval to Council

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Background

• City Planning Commission
  • Required by State Code to make recommendations to Council on zoning and land use
  • 9 members

• Work plan process:
  • Updated and approval by the CPC
  • Reviewed by the City Council Development Committee
  • Final review and approval by the City Council
City Planning Commission Role

1. Reviews and Recommends to City Council
   • Rezonings (Changes to the Zoning Map)
   • Changes to the Zoning Ordinance
   • Other policy-related items

2. Reviews and Recommends to Board of Adjustment
   • Conditional Uses
   • Major Design Exceptions (NEW)

3. Reviews and Approves
   • Preliminary Plats (subdivision of land)
2019 Accomplishments

• Implementation of ReZone Cedar Rapids
• Timely Review of Land Development Cases
  • No meetings cancelled due to lack of attendance
• Orientation for new members
Work Plan Goals

1. Evaluate and make a Recommendations on the City’s New Zoning Ordinance
2. Increase knowledge of CPC by attending training opportunities
3. Participate and contribute to the development of City Plans and Policy Documents
4. Increase interaction and communication with City Council as necessary
Timeline

- **January 2:** CPC Approval
- **January 15:** City Council Development Committee Meeting
- **January 28:** City Council Meeting
Background

• Work plan process:
  • Update and approval by the HPC
  • Reviewed by the City Council Development Committee
  • Final review and approval by the City Council
Goals Within Work Plan

1. Participate in preservation, salvage and documentation of historic structures.
2. Increase Communication.
3. Improve public relations.
4. Provide information and educational opportunities for the public.
5. Provide educational opportunities for HPC members.
2019 Accomplishments

• Designated two new local landmarks – Perkins House and Witwer Grocery Co. Building
• Historic Rehab Program committed over $84,000 towards 16 projects in local historic districts
• Historic Asset Inventory Sub-Committee established initial inventory of historic properties and created 2019 focus property list
• Sent out a newsletter to every resident of the local historic districts
2019 Accomplishments

- Started Bever Woods intensive survey utilizing grant funds through the Certified Local Government (CLG) program
- Completed historic preservation postcard project, highlighting 12 historic properties in Cedar Rapids, also featured in Our CR Magazine
- Several HPC members attended training at SHPO’s Preserve Iowa Summit in June 2019
2020 Task Highlights

• Establish Historic Asset Inventory 2020 focus properties
• Complete Bever Woods intensive survey
• Designate at least two new local landmarks
• Secure funding for local landmark plaques
• Present to CR Area Association of Realtors on historic preservation topics
Next Steps

• Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval on November 14, 2019
• Development Committee recommendation
• City Council on January 28, 2020

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• **Work plan process:**
  • Update and approval by the VAC
  • Reviewed by the City Council Development Committee
  • Final review and approval by the City Council
Goals Within Work Plan

1. Manage the City’s Art Collection
2. Public Outreach and Education
3. Support Arts within the Community
2019 Accomplishments

• Supported _Shifting Ground-Outro Chao_, a partnership with MMU and the Iowa Ceramics Center and Glass Studio
• Identified site and issued Call for Artists for U.S. Cellular Center Light Sculpture
• Supported stormwater drain mural project
• Partnered with League of Women Voters on Centennial Memorial
• Selected art for the UFG Pocket Plaza
2020 Task Highlights

• Assist with development and installation of U.S. Cellular Center Lantern Art
• Identify art to complete the UFG Pocket Plaza
• Begin work on a Public Art Master Plan and include public participation
Next Steps

• Visual Arts Commission recommended approval on December 12, 2019
• Development Committee recommendation
• City Council on January 28, 2020

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Request for Proposals
1527 2nd Ave SE
Development Committee
January 15, 2020
Background

- Property was acquired in January 2019 to address nuisance violations, house was demolished due to structural instability
- City staff received a request to initiate the standard competitive disposition process from Friends of CR Historic Preservation
- 8,400 square feet of vacant City-owned property
- Located in the 2nd & 3rd Avenue Local Historic District
Development Objectives

1. Provide an opportunity for infill redevelopment - new construction or relocation of historic structures.

2. Design that enhances the character of the neighborhood and follows Design Guidelines.

3. Preference for projects that meet housing needs identified in the City’s comprehensive housing market analysis.
Evaluation Criteria

1. Capacity, experience, and capability of the Proposer with similar projects
2. Financial feasibility
3. Quality of architecture and/or historic preservation
4. Innovative sustainability features in the site and building design
5. Inclusion of housing options
Recommendation & Next Steps

Staff recommends initiating a standard competitive disposition:

- **Jan. 14** Resolution setting public hearing
- **Jan. 28** Public hearing and resolution inviting proposals
- **Mar. 13** 11:00 a.m. – Proposal Deadline
- **Apr. 14** City Council consideration of recommended proposal

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Request for Proposals
1021 & 1027 8th St NW

Development Committee
January 15, 2020
Background

- City staff received two separate requests to initiate the standard competitive disposition for 1021 & 1027 8th St NW
- Two 6,400 square feet vacant City-owned parcels
- Zoned as Traditional Residential Single Unit (T-R1), which permits small lot single unit homes, intended to preserve existing neighborhood character
Development Objectives

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Recommendation & Next Steps

Staff recommends initiating a standard competitive disposition:

- Jan. 14  Resolution setting public hearing
- Jan. 28  Public hearing and resolution inviting proposals
- Feb. 12  11:00 a.m. – Proposal Deadline
- Feb. 25  City Council consideration of recommended proposal

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Overview

• Recap of 2019 Cases
• Proposed Updates (February)
• Future Updates (Ongoing)
# BOA Voting from 2016-2019

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Code Updates – Use Specific Standards

• Create New Use for non-profit community and neighborhood services

• Temporary Public Display – allows for creative displays which are difficult to categorize.

• Ensure uses permitted in Public districts and Suburban Mobile and Manufactured Housing District
Code Updates – Other updates

• Clear up language with roof-mounted solar panels, allowing them in more instances
• Allow relief from parking setback line on small corner lots in Urban Districts
• Permit upper story signs on tall buildings to be treated like pole or roof signs
• Correct Zoning Map errors
Ordinance Adoption Timeline (Updated)

• January 20 – Zoning Advisory Group Meeting
• February 11 – Motion Setting Public Hearing
• February 13 – City Planning Commission Review and Recommendation
• February 25 – Public Hearing and 1st Reading
• March 11 – Anticipated Adoption
Discussion Items

• Large accessory structures
• Vehicle related issues
• Home Occupations and Live/Work
• Duplexes and small multi-unit housing
• Adaptive Reuse Ordinance
• Suburban Mixed-Use Industrial