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MINUTES PLAN COMMISSION October 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

Members Present: Scott Morrissette, Lisa Moody, Susan Reese, Bill Stuessel, Dan Toland, Michael Woolsey, Craig Hinzman
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Sam Wessel, Amy Peterson, Reid Wronski
Others Present: Ben Fochs, Patricia LaRue, Rick Cleary

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Morrissette, S/Woolsey – motion carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Cleary, representing Kinni Off Road Cyclists (KORC), spoke to let the Commission know that KORC is nearing its capacity and is interested in expanding the trails at Whitetail Ridge; there are currently about 7 miles of mountain biking trails. Mr. Cleary requested that the Commission keep KORC in mind for future opportunities that might exist within the City, for example the bluffs in Mann Valley and the Kinni river corridor. He noted that KORC met with the City earlier in the week to work on a memorandum of understanding that outlines KORC's responsibilities for the trails.

Morrissette asked if KORC is built-out at Whitetail Ridge. Mr. Cleary responded that they are close to full build-out. There are features that they are building to make the trails more attractive to different levels of riders, but they are limited in adding more miles at this point. Reese thanked Mr. Cleary for KORC's partnership with the City.

CURRENT ITEMS

Official Map Update

Wronski updated the Commission on the work that has been done by the Commission and staff over the past few months to update the Official Map. He reminded the Commission that the official map is a document that lays out how the existing transportation system and parks and how those facilities might develop in the future. He noted that in updating the map, staff encountered a data glitch and lost some of the notes from the Plan Commission workshops earlier this year, however he believes everything has been reincorporated. He updated the Commission on some changes and highlights in the draft map that were added after the workshops, those include: 1) a different alignment that parallels Highway 25 and connects Glover Road and Paulson Road which reflects WisDOT plans, 2) future roads and facilities will be limited to the subdivision boundary line and extended to where the line falls short, 3) future extension of Casey Street to the north connects to Glover Road (part of this road is already platted as a road by the County), 4) STH 35 4-lane

highway extends south from current terminus to the future proposed bypass south of the City, 5) green space and storm water ponds that are not accessible to the public are no longer shown on the official map.

Morrisette asked about possible future access roads owned by the University property off Cemetery Road. Wronski responded that Sixth Street used to be officially mapped north to E. Cascade, the issue is that the University did not want it and State Statutes forbid the City from using any type of eminent domain for something like that happen. This is one reason why the City does not focus on official mapping through University property. Woosley asked whether criteria have been developed for determining whether or not to show storm water facilities. Wronski responded that it is shown if the public has access to use it as green space.

Patricia LaRue, 49 Marcella Court, asked about a strip of land connecting to Marcella Court. Wronski noted that it represents a dedicated public walkway which is shown in green on the draft official map.

Morrisette made a motion to recommend approval of an amendment to the official map of the City of River Falls.

M/Morrisette, S/Moody – motion carried 7-0

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Development Review Update

Peterson reported that a 14-unit student housing project off Birchcrest Drive is being reviewed by staff. Staff also received plans from Launch, aka Anchor Paper, for the parcel south of Coca Cola in the Whitetail Ridge Corporate Park. Staff anticipates the River Falls School District to submit plans for improvements to the high school yet this week.

AJOURNMENT

Reese made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

M/Morrisette, S/Hinzman – motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,



Brandy Howe, AICP, Senior Planner