

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor David Anderson
Vice Mayor Jeanne Hess
Qianna Decker
Stephanie Hoffman
Chris Praedel
Alonzo Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Don Cooney

Also present were Chief Operating Officer Laura Lam, City Attorney Aaron Leal, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Vice Mayor Hess, seconded by Commissioner Decker, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Public Comments

An opportunity was given for general public comments, but no comments were offered.

2025-29-01

Presentation re: Arcadia
Creek Festival Place

Deputy City Manager Rebekah Kik delivered a presentation entitled *Turning Plans Into Place: 2025 Project Updates – Arcadia Creek Festival Place*. A copy of the presentation slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentation, Deputy City Manager Kik responded to Commissioner questions regarding the construction timeline for the Festival Place improvements; funding sources for the project; details about the size and potential uses of the multi-purpose building; the role/function of Koopsen's Alley; the functionality of the space for event organizers; connections between the Arcadia Creek corridor and the Festival Place; whether the Festival Place would be open or enclosed; and the cost savings for event organizers as a result of eliminating the need to close adjacent streets during events.

2025-29-02

Presentation re: 322
Stockbridge Avenue

Deputy City Manager Kik delivered a presentation entitled *Turning Plans Into Place: 2025 Project Updates – 322 Stockbridge Avenue*. A copy of the presentation slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentation, Deputy City Manager Kik responded to Commissioner questions regarding the date of the upcoming presentation to the Edison Neighborhood Association; planned changes to the topography of the site and the certainty of the research and engineering around proposed flood mitigation strategies; connectivity to the Kalamazoo Valley River Trail; financial assistance from the City for construction costs and down payment assistance; the project timeline; the inclusion of green technologies in the pre-approved house plans; whether the site would be developed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with a Home Owners' Association (HOA); whether grade changes to mitigate flooding on the site will cause flooding in adjacent areas; the status of the empty lot on Richard Street; whether there were pre-approved house plans that had not yet been built; construction costs for the

various housing units; the potential for the development of this site to make surrounding properties unaffordable for current residents; the potential use of a Community Land Trust on the site; and the rationale for choosing a plan that would result in fewer housing units on the site rather than more housing units.

Finally, an opportunity was given for general comments from City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____

2025-29-02

Presentation re: 322
Stockbridge Avenue
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Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment