



Call to Order

Commission Char Kellie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance: Kellie Williams, Scott Koets, Ryan Huette, Loreto Delgado III, Carole Ringer, Emily Vignieri, Angelique Racki, Ron Crick, Jamie Mathy, Jesse Smart, Nikki Richards

Staff in attendance

Nick Niemerg, Eric Veal, Tricia Stiller, Steve Rasmussen, Katie Simpson, Bob Marht

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November and December minutes were approved with the following amendments:

- Correct spelling of VenuWorks
- Specify that discussion recommended reducing commission size to 11 members

Staff Reports

- Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts
 - Eric Veal reported that a number of recent functions at the BCPA drew new people to the building: City Council meeting regarding the Welcoming City ordinance, Alderman Town Hall, and budget meetings
 - The Friends of the BCPA Memo of Understanding was submitted to City Council but was tabled pending. It will be scheduled for the Committee of the Whole discussion on February 19.
 - David Young reported that BCPA had a 7-hour power outage that led to frozen pipes, which caused some structural damage.
 - Over 800 people attended the Nutcracker ballet
 - Upcoming Neverly Brothers is selling very well
- Community Development – Interim Community Development Director Bob Mahrt
 - Introduced himself and provided an overview of the divisions and the commitment to downtown
- City Planning – City Planner Katie Simpson
 - Introduced herself and gave an overview of department and its primary role of land use and zoning, both short term and long term, to support city's overall growth and development.
 - Reviewed partnerships with Planning Commission, Zone Board of Appeals, Historic Preservation Commission and wants to partner with Cultural District Commission
 - Referenced city comprehensive plan, Bring It On Bloomington, as the roadmap forward and that zoning is part of how we will get there. Planning department is working on updating zoning ordinances across the city by May.



- Distributed a map of downtown showing a downtown district of 29 blocks. Prior conversations from former Community Development Director addressed design guidelines that would encourage walkability of the downtown. Bob Mahrt discussed ordinance amendments to land use will allow the city to not only preserve but protect the integrity of the historic downtown through gradual changes over time.
- Commissioner Ringer raised the importance of connecting the various and ongoing conversations: Downtown efforts and commissions.
- There is some confusion as to what a Cultural District is – needs more clarity.

New Business

Commissioner Nikki Richards tendered her official resignation. As a city employee, she can no longer serve. She intends to contact the Friends of the BCPA to stay involved.

Meeting adjourned 8:34 a.m.

Next Meeting

January 25

Respectfully submitted: Tricia Stiller, Downtown Division Manager, Community Development