

Madison Redevelopment Commission  
August 3, 2021 @ 3:00 pm  
Minutes

- Call to order at 3:00 pm by John Grote: Other Board Members attending: Joe Craig Cary Strouse and Dan Hughes. Jeff Studebaker was absent. Others attending: Mayor Courtney, Deputy Mayor McGee and Alyssa Foltz.
- Approval of minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021: motion to approve by Strouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig; all voted in favor.
- Claims Approval: motion to approve by Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Strouse; all voted in favor.
- Old Business
- New Business:
  - READI Grants
    - Mayor Courtney stated that over the course of the last couple of weeks the deadline to submit our READI proposal was July 20<sup>th</sup>. This was a grant for \$500 million dollars to be distributed around the state. The City of Madison submitted two plans. These plans were multifaceted. We applied for approximately \$11 million dollars. Once the RDA has reviewed and accepted the application, they will then form their own application that will be presented to the IEDC. We still have about 6 months or so before we hear back.
      - President asked if there would be a match from the city
      - Mayor stated yes there would be a match through financials, property, etc.
  - ARP-American Rescue Plan
    - Mayor stated that there are some very specific uses for these funds. From tourism, broadband, stormwater infrastructure, hazard pay, etc. Part of the requirement to the ARP is that the City comes up with a plan. The City Council recently approved a local plan on how we will spend the first 50% of the 2.7-million-dollar allocation. The bulk of the money is going towards flood risk mitigation. As well as speeding the recovery of tourism, premium pay for essential workers and match grants. We have also made progress with our City sidewalks and streets.
    - Deputy Mayor stated that the patching is done on Main Street as of today. They will be working on the west side of the incline bridge Thursday this week. This means that all patching will be done this week. After Ribberfest the crew will come in doing liquid asphalt and re-striping on the streets. The goal is to keep traffic flowing and not block storefronts longer than needed.
- City Matters/Updates-Mayor Courtney
  - Mayor Courtney stated that some of our key initiatives are economic development on the hilltop and downtown. The City of Madison has been acquiring property in strategic locations over the last couple of years. Some properties are under the City of Madison, and some are under the RDC. We are now looking at transferring some of that property under the RDC.
  - The Ohio Theatre's work is almost complete, which was mostly stabilization work. This will be a catalyst for them to re-open for certain events.
  - We are going through the City's budget process currently.

- The third round of COVID Grants is completed. We still have funds left in this account and have yet determined what we are going to use them for.
  - Main Street will have a lot of benefit to all the businesses.
  - Crystal Beach had a good summer pool season. We closed it two weeks early, so we can start the shut down process. The contractor that we awarded with the building process, will be deploying to the site by the end of August, with hopes to have it open by summer 2022.
  - There is a tremendous amount of effort on downtown grocery store.
  - President Grote asked do we have numbers on the City's Unemployment rate and do we have plans on getting people back to work.
    - Mayor stated that it is roughly at 3% in Jefferson County. Inflation over the last 12 months is the highest it has been in the last 30 years. The eviction moratorium expired July 31<sup>st</sup> and the additional pay will be lifted in the next months. On average in Jefferson County wage growth has been 10% or 11% in the last year. These labor restraints have been affecting the City as well in getting the projects done.
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- Motion to adjourn: Motion by Craig and 2nd by Strouse; all voted in favor.
  - Next meeting is Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 3:00 pm.



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Joe Craig, Secretary