

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

President Clow called the regular meeting of the McFarland School and Village Board Joint Planning Committee to order at 4:01 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members Present: School - Craig Howery, Bruce Fischer, and Aaron Tarnutzer. Village - Carolyn Clow, Hilary Brandt (arrived at 4:15 pm), and Matt Schuenke.

Members Not Present: None.

Staff Present: School District Director of Business Jeff Mahoney.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting.

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Fischer, and unanimously carried by the Committee to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion regarding a proposal for land division at the School District Baseball fields to aid Village Well #5 Improvement.

Schuenke reviewed the background regarding a proposal to subdivide land where the Village and District shared a common border. Well #5 is planned within the Prairie Place Subdivision within two single family lots owned by the Village. Adjacent these single family lots is an outlot that could be suitable for the well if it were enlarged with property owned by the District for the adjoining baseball fields. If the outlot is enlarged, the single family lots could be constructed for new homes and return them to

the tax levy as improved space. The land needed for the expansion is not needed for future school use, and it was discussed as another partnership between the entities to create win for all involved. The Committee members commented in support of the proposal, and it is scheduled to go in from of the respective boards later this Summer.

b. Discussion regarding the joint development of an Inclusive Playground at Waubesa Intermediate School.

Mahoney and Schuenke commented that construction of the new Inclusive Park at Waubesa Intermediate School is on track for completion this Fall as planned. Weather has been favorable and construction partners responsive. Staff's at both entities are working on a ribbon cutting event to celebrate its completion.

c. Discussion regarding McFarland Municipal Center Campus Project including Community Center.

Schuenke commented that the Village is in the middle of the design process for improvements to the Municipal Center to construct a Community Center within the vacated spaces from public safety uses. We have been studying former plans and continuing to develop new plans set that we hope to bring forward in the near future for the Committee to provide feedback on but also the Community as a whole. Further engagement is desired to begin in August as a means to continue to fulfill our current obligation with the Architect. Recognizing there has been discussions regarding cost of the project, the Village Board will continue to discuss how and when the project moves forward since we are only committed presently to the architectural work.

d. Discussion regarding referendum held by the School District.

Tarnutzer reviewed work the School District has been doing to continue engagement with the public on a possible referendum question this Fall. They created an engagement committee that has met a couple times and a survey was recently released. This information will help inform their future decisions with results starting to come in for review. They are working to schedule feedback sessions later this month to share results with the Community and inform of fiscal challenges. A decision on the referendum is needed by the end of August.

e. Discussion of topics of mutual interest and updates of local initiatives to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

Nothing further was added.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Fischer, second by Fischer, to adjourn at 4:55 pm.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin board in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew G. Schuenke
Village Administrator