

## MINUTES

July 18, 2022

### Batavia Downtown Plan: Elected & Appointed Officials Roundtable Meeting

Please Note: These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statement made at this meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

#### 1. Roll Call

Members of Committee of the Whole, Plan Commission and Historical Preservation Commission in attendance: Jennifer Baerren, Tony Malay, Mark Uher, Nick Cerone, Abby Beck, Tom Connelly, Tom Gosselin, Amy Moore, Tom LaLonde, Joan Joseph, Sue Peterson, Phil Bus, Robin Barraza, Susan Alderson and Jamie Saam.

Others in attendance were: Mayor Schielke, Laura Newman, Jeff Albertson, Shannon Jarmusz, Scott Buening, Drew Rackow, Daniel Russo and Susan Russo.

#### 2. Discussion: Downtown Plan

Nik Davis, Principal, with the Houseal Lavigne Project Team provided an outline and led the discussion on the downtown plan. The community sets the vision for the future downtown, provides the decision making framework and establishes an expectation for future investment.

Alan Wolff entered the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Also discussed was the involvement of elected officials and research and data collection. This includes project initiation; the vision, goals and functional land uses; downtown frameworks and the final downtown plan and adoption.

The kick-off exercise identified approximately 37 issues or concerns facing downtown Batavia, with the following being the most important issues discussed so far:

- Redevelopment of Vacant Lots
- Overall Quality & Aesthetics of Buildings
- Under Utilization of the River
- Lack of High Density Residential Housing

The following projects were mentioned: One Washington Place, Redesigning streets for pedestrians/bikers, Redeveloping strip malls, Rte. 31 Road Diet, Dam, Woonerfs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge and Boutique Hotels.

The primary strengths and assets of downtown include: History of buildings, Library, Boardwalk Shops, Farmer's Market, Community support of small businesses, Woonerf, Sense of community, Fox River and Connectivity of trails.

The next steps for the Downtown Plan will include several focus groups, key stakeholder interviews and listening sessions all held over the next couple of months.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Morley, Recording Secretary