

MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 18, 2005
City Hall, Room 604
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Graves, John Vander Leest, Guy Zima, Ken Dax, Chris Wery, Gary Kriescher

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Schmitt, Ald. Andy Nicholson, Carl Arnoldi, Tony Theisen, Chad Fradette, Earl Van Den Heuvel, Atty. Jerry Hanson, Rob Strong, Peter Thillman, Mike Driedrie, Sara Van Vonderen, City Staff, Members of the Public, Members of the Media

1. Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Graves at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken as noted above.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Vander Leest to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Vander Leest to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Update on Downtown Development.

Motion made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Kriescher to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak. Motion carried.

Robert Schmitz, 1736 Carroll Ave., Green Bay, addressed the committee stating that he is a World War II veteran. He said we used to have the Veterans Memorial Arena and now you cannot find a veterans memorial anywhere on that arena. He reviewed the history of the arena, stating that his understanding is that we are renting out the arena to an arena committee for a dollar a year and we're still paying for the upkeep, which he feels is ridiculous. He said now we have Admiral Flatley Park on the east side of the river and we should leave that park where it is located, adding that it is the only thing we have around here that lets the veterans know we appreciate their services. He related a story of a friend who served in the Marines and received minimum injuries, came back, went to college and reenlisted in the Marines. His friend was very badly injured during his second tour of duty and went on to become a history teacher. Mr. Schmitz said his friend died last week as a result of injuries he received in the Korean War. He feels we need to have green space in downtown, and if this is in Admiral Flatley Park, that's great. He said Admiral Flatley Park is a tribute to all veterans, and should remain where it is.

Laveral Pieper, President of the United Patriotic Society, a Korean veteran, addressed the committee, stating that he was interviewed this afternoon regarding Admiral Flatley Park. He said it would be a shame to cover up that land, adding that when they met with the Mayor and a developer on April 6th, they didn't completely understand what was going on. Mr. Pieper said there are two other developers who are sticking their own money in their proposed projects and if Admiral Flatley Park is moved, it would cover up the river for the other two developers. He feels Admiral Flatley is a Holy Land, adding that Admiral Flatley has a ship named after him, a missile range named after him and he was born and raised in Green Bay and died here. He said even if the veterans only use the park once a year, speaking for most of the veterans' organizations in Green Bay, that the Park should stay. He said the City should not give the park away, adding that we're not going to get taxes from it, and it shouldn't be covered up with a high rise. He said it's wrong to shut out the developer who is trying to develop the Younkers building, which is his understanding. In closing, he stated that Admiral Flatley Park should stay where it is.

Betty DeCleene, 6093 Sunset Shores, Dyckesville, addressed the committee stating that she is a Navy wife of twenty years. She said her main concern is to preserve and maintain the park and apologized to the Mayor and Mr. Vetter for the misunderstanding they had. She indicated she had just returned from Florida when they met and was told the park is gone but the monument will be maintained. She stated that she was not aware that there were other people wanting to preserve the park. She said she felt they were misled in not being told of the other developments that were being proposed. Ms. DeCleene reviewed the history of Admiral Flatley saying that he died one year after retiring, adding that now there is a third generation Flatley in the Navy. She said Admiral Flatley is their hero and while sports heroes get recognized, veterans do not. She said three years ago she was in very poor health and the veterans were at her side. She is asking on behalf of all veterans to please preserve Admiral Flatley Park.

Valita Wilson, 1509 Emily Street, Green Bay, said she has lived in Green Bay for thirty years and feels we need to preserve memorials to our veterans. She indicated she belongs to a veterans post and was a nurse in the Korean War. Ms. Wilson said we need to preserve green space for memorials to our veterans. She feels we should preserve Admiral Flatley Park.

Robert Flatley, said his father was a cousin of Admiral Flatley. He recalled the distinguished career of Admiral Flatley and remembered him when he was growing up. He said Admiral Flatley received a number of honors, the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses and the Bronze Star, and listed many things named in the Admiral's Honor including two Halls of Fame. He indicated Admiral Flatley died at a young age in 1958. Mr. Flatley said Admiral Flatley Park was dedicated in 1976 as a permanent memorial to the Admiral and other veterans of the war. He feels it would be a shame to turn our backs on the war heroes from the second World War and ignore them. Mr. Flatley said he is not opposed to development in downtown, or to any particular project but feels that Admiral Flatley Park could remain as a green space and fit in with other plans along the riverfront. He is concerned that this space should remain as it was intended, as a memorial to the second World War.

Wayne Indahl, Danz Avenue, said he is a Korean War veteran and member of American Legion Post #11. He said he is not opposed, nor is his legion opposed to building and making Green Bay better and self-supporting. He said every year on Memorial Day his Post puts up 2700 flags on the graves of veterans at Allouez Cemetery. He shared a clip from the *Green Bay Press-Gazette* Sunday paper which listed the names under the homefront of all of the soldiers that were killed in action over there. He feels it would be a tragedy to let an effort happen that would diminish the value of our forefathers and our veterans. He wants to continue recognizing our veterans and to keep Admiral Flatley Park. Betty DeCleene added that flags are also put at Fort Howard and Woodlawn Cemeteries, with help from the city, VFW and the American Legion.

Jim Sanderson, 417 Cambridge Street, said Admiral Flatley Park has three significant things in it: the war memorial, a historical monument to the ancient Indian trail that turned into a military trail between here and Dearborn, Illinois, and a monument that someone sponsored a tree in the park to their deceased daughter. He asked where those things are going to go? From his understanding, Washington Way is coming out and there is going to be Flatley Court with or without the park. He said the new way of dealing with speed is putting in curves and cited examples of Ashwaubenon, Howard and Broadway where curves were placed to curb speeding. He said if the street is straightened out, Gregby Way and the future Flatley Court are more or less going to be large alleys. He said with the curve there, people have to slow down before they go up to Main Street. He said if a straight away is there, people are going to be ripping up there from Cherry Street to Main Street, and feels the curve there serves a purpose. He said the downtown needs some spot for people to go to through a frisbee, etc. He said if things are waited out, they sometimes take care of themselves, citing the mall may be filled to capacity in the future and people will remember when there was talk of tearing it down and talk of almost taking out Flatley Park, but people had the foresight to leave it there.

Robert Blackbird, Kennedy Drive said the people of Green Bay are different than the people in any other city. He said they love their city, they work together, and they love their veterans, and they love their parks. He said Ashwaubenon has a nice memorial for their veterans and Green Bay only has a small monument and now we want to take this away? He said Admiral Flatley is Green Bay's General McArthur. Mr. Blackbird said there is only talk about moving the monument, and nothing about the park. He referred to the Ashley tower as the Tower of Greed. He said Flatley Park is part of Green Bay and he's counting on the Mayor to save the Park for the veterans, and save Green Bay. He said he doesn't like what's happening in Green Bay, adding that the aldermen are doing a good job. Mr. Blackbird said the Mayor's Beautification Committee went on record to keep Flatley Park, Mr. Rashid, the Veterans, and Mr. DeMille all wish to keep the park.

Danny Green, 1132 Chicago St., said our hearts should swell with pride listening to the veterans tonight. He said it's imperative that as the city grows and makes a statement, that we keep Admiral Flatley Park because it makes a statement to all. He said we should never forget what these veterans did for us and a small piece of green space with a monument that they can go and visit and is representative of them and their families, is not asking too much. He said we are a caring, hometown community who cares about our veterans and our citizens. He said he appreciates what the Mayor and aldermen do for the citizens but we have to honor our veterans, adding that they don't ask for much. He said

the veterans presented their case today to keep that little symbol in downtown Green Bay that is theirs. He asking this committee and the Mayor to keep this park for the veterans.

Betty DeCleene thanked the committee for their time and respect but stated that she doesn't appreciate two of the aldermen smirking at their speakers, when they are talking.

Diane Hartig, 505 S. Van Buren Street thanked the veterans for all they have done for us. She feels the downtown area of Green Bay has been destroyed when they tore down Kaap's and other stores on Washington Street. She added that Broadway is trying to recapture what used to be. She feels there is too much concrete and we're losing the friendliness of Green Bay and the hometown feeling. She understands that we need to build buildings but said we need to put up quality buildings that will last a long time. Regarding moving Flatley Park, she asked if the Neville Museum might someday become too small and we have to move it, what will happen to the 911 monument? Will that be moved too? She said the mall should be torn down and make a park there, put more grassland by the river, for families to congregate. Ms. Hartig said she sees too much business and unfriendliness, and it's all based on money. She doesn't wish to see any more concrete.

Dan Moore, 232 Oakwood Ave., said it's amazing what the veterans have done for us. In taking the downtown plan as a whole, he believes that Astor Place is the right thing for Green Bay.

Brian Peot, 2340 Meadow Lane, stated he owns a restaurant and bar on Washington Street. He said we need to look at what a memorial really is; it is something that evokes emotion. He thinks the Vetter plan will enhance this memorial and will help to bring emotion and recognition. He said community is what's lacking, adding that we need to get together to create a community along the riverfront, and feel the emotion of Admiral Flatley and the emotion of hometown Green Bay that we are all looking for.

Tom Christensen, Redwood Drive, asked the Mayor and everyone on the committee if they enjoyed their Memorial Day. 4th of July, and Labor Day celebrations? He said they should thank the veterans. He asked if the committee flies the American flag?

Phil Kawula, 3323 Scottwood Drive, stated he is a downtown business owner and talks with Brian Peot on a daily basis. He said there is a memorial there also from a friend of his who was killed in Milwaukee two and a half years ago. He said he has been assured that this memorial will be taken care of and placed in an area in a proper manner where it deserves to be. As far as the Flatley Park, he said he agrees with Mr. Peot that if Mr. Vetter's plan can make the memorial something a little more obvious and people can walk there and have it in a more prominent position, then he's all for it.

Jacquelyn Fradette, 1406 Day St., said she is involved in a young professionals group called HYPE. She said one of the things the group wants to see is new life in downtown, adding that nobody wants to take away from what our veterans did. She said she hopes the members of the committee will keep their personal biases aside and think about what this project could mean to Green Bay.

Jeff Mirkes, Executive Director of Downtown Green Bay, Inc. said his organization respects all the views that were heard today and respects the desire of the veterans to preserve the memorial. He said the reference to this project being a tower of greed, is the one comment he heard tonight that he does not agree with. He stated that the Vetter StoSS downtown plan is a plan to revitalize and to bring energy to our downtown, providing an infrastructure and impressive world class waterfront that would lead to real estate development and would lead to the further progress in our downtown. He said this is not about a tower of greed but a vision to bring pride and confidence back to our downtown. He said in essence this controversy has created an amount of education, stating that there are a number of people who were raised in this community and didn't know who Admiral Flatley was, and they know now. He's confident that the Vetter development plan has a strong commitment to heighten throughout the year, the memorial to Admiral Flatley.

Melanie Japinski, 2907 Prairie View Court, stated that she visited Admiral Flatley Park prior to this meeting and saw no activity there, only one man walking his dog, and a fountain that was not in operation. She said she visited the Fox Point Boat Launch in DePere and saw more than 20 people enjoying the docks, icecream and the riverfront, and more than 50 cars in the parking lot. She feels Astor Place will serve as a better memorial and will allow more people to enjoy the memorial in a more prominent location. She believes because of a market place we will attract more people to Green Bay and with a prominent memorial, we will have a riverfront that we can be proud of.

Gary Delveaux, 446 Stella Vista Drive, said he is vice-chair of the RDA and they have been following the downtown project very closely and are very supportive of it. He feels the solution to the Admiral Flatley Park is a good one, adding that he is also a veteran. He is very supportive of Mr. Vetter's project.

Betty DeCleene stated that the non-working fountain is not the fault of the veterans. She asked why downtown can't be redeveloped without the Market Place and without destroying Admiral Flatley Park. She said we have men who will continue to fight, adding that we have to remember them. She said she was one of twelve who got donations for the monument and asked for support from the committee and council to preserve the park.

Motion made by Ald. Vander Leest, seconded by Ald. Dax to return to regular order of business. Motion carried.

Ald. Graves thanked the veterans on behalf of the Advisory Committee and the Council, for what they have done. Ald. Vander Leest asked if there were any further updates on downtown development? Mayor Schmitt distributed a copy of a letter that was sent to the three developers, requesting project specific information by noon on April 18th. Ald. Graves said they had not opened the responses from the developers because they were waiting to see what was going to happen with the park. He said this will answer if we will have three projects going or one? Ald. Zima said the Mayor's Beautification Committee voted unanimously to preserve Flatley as a park and feel there should be more green space, not less. He said if we're going to develop more condos, apartments and office space, we need a certain amount of green space to congregate. He said the veterans have spoken loud and clear that they favor preserving the park, adding that he feels there

was hastiness preparing the project for this site and hastiness in trying to give us the idea that there was commitment on a large scale from the veterans, when there wasn't. He said we should stabilize the downtown area, adding that it's not the major tax area in the city. Ald. Zima said we have successful industrial parks and our industrial parks have more green space than our downtown. He said there are other areas downtown to develop. He felt when the Boston Store opened it was the beginning of the end of retail in downtown and Kaap's Restaurant brought more people downtown than Boston Store. He said it's not a question of tax basis and condos aren't improving things. He feels we should focus on first things first and the second thing second. We should focus on the Younkers building, which is the biggest eyesore in downtown. Ald. Zima believes we should work on one project at a time and if it's successful, then work on the second one. He doesn't feel it serves the city's needs to take Admiral Flatley Park away.

Ald. Arnoldi said he put a communication to City Council to have the developers meet to come up with a solution. He said somehow the motion was changed and a letter was sent requesting information on the specific projects. Ald. Graves said we are projecting a meeting this Friday. **A motion was made by Ald. Vander Leest to receive and place on file the information on the downtown development.**

Ald. Fradette said when he first saw this plan in the Mayor's office he thought it was an exciting plan, and he saw a building on Admiral Flatley Park and asked about it, being told that it would be a better memorial when it was done. He said we then took the plan to Council and voted on that plan, giving rights to Mr. Vetter for three properties, Flatley Park, the riverfront loft property and the corner of Washington & Walnut in trade for the plan that was presented and passed by the Council. He asked how we could change and back out after we've given a good faith agreement with a developer for three properties. Mr. Fradette said he wants to know the liability to the city and if this could end up costing the city millions of dollars in lawsuits. He wants answers to these questions before we take this off the table or go through with it. He said if we do one project at a time it could take 100 years to develop downtown, adding that if we get some redesign work between the projects, we could get them all going. He said all three of the developers are putting in their own money and the Vetter-Denk project is putting the most of their own money, and the least of city money. He said the Juza project and Days Inn project will utilize all the TIF money. He said the Vetter Denk project has everything in line and ready to go and we now have to determine what liability we will have if we pull out of the Admiral Flatley Park deal.

Ald. Theisen said the City Council has approved many conceptual plans over the years and he never thought that didn't give them any leeway to change any of the details along the way. He expressed his overall concern with the plan on the east bank for the lack of green space. He relayed areas where we put in green space where there wasn't green space before, adding that we should be proud that we've added green space. Mr. Theisen said we all feel very strongly about our veterans and will not make a decision on this based on lack of respect for veterans. He said we don't know if all of these plans have the financial backing to make them successful. He said we may not know if the majority of people in Green Bay support this or not, but his philosophy has always been to ask how the people in his district would want him to vote.

Ald. Van Den Heuvel said not one of his constituents have said to develop Admiral Flatley Park. He mentioned memorials, trees, pieces of parkland set aside for memorials to veterans in other parts of the country. He said there has to be a different place to build, and if we build on Admiral Flatley, in his opinion we are telling the veterans that they don't matter. He doesn't feel its asking too much to keep this small area for them. He said veterans are promised a lot of things by the government but the government doesn't always stand behind their word. He is in favor of keeping Admiral Flatley for the people who fought and died for our country.

Mayor Schmitt said since October 19th we amended the Comp Plan for the waterfront, and we've been working on the whole Comprehensive Plan to bring people down there to work and live. He said regarding Admiral Flatley, they did meet with two of the members of UPS and they were not opposed to it. He believes when word got out that the park would be gone, he doesn't think some of the people who spoke tonight understand that there is an effort here to make a more prominent, educational, more visible, and handicap accessible area. The Mayor said he intends to work with veterans groups, with development to bring a plan that is the best thing for the city and that is a comprehensive waterfront development plan. He said this plan was presented as a comprehensive plan, Council voted on it, stating that he took that as here is a plan, an amended comprehensive plan that he said he took to the major corporate players in the city as well as to the Oneida Tribe of Indians. He believes we can work together to get this done and can enact a comprehensive plan as we discussed in October. The mayor said they have multiple meetings in Madison with the Governor and state legislators in an effort to secure some funding for our downtown, and specifically our waterfront. He said they have another meeting coming up in early May and while they have some verbal commitments, we need to get that in writing so it can be presented as part of the financial package of this comprehensive waterfront plan.

Ald. Graves inquired if the Mayor was referring to the presentation that Council approved at the October 19th meeting? Mayor Schmitt responded that he was speaking of the Report of the RDA to Council, and proceeded to read the report. He said there was a roll call vote to adopt item #1, saying there were all ayes on the vote. Ald. Graves discussed the returning to the grid pattern. He said this was recommended by a committee and approved by the Council. He said in hindsight that involved going through two parking ramps, taking down a portion of the Prange's building, putting Pine Street through of a new development of Bay Lakes Bank which wasn't even started yet. He said we don't know if it can be done, who is going to pay for it, or how much it's going to cost and we approved that comprehensive plan. He said this was bad planning on the part of the Council and let this never happen again. He said there are people trying to lease space in Washington Commons and if this grid system goes through, the mall will be leveled, and it's tough for them to try to get tenants based on this. Mr. Graves asked if this report included giving exclusive rights to develop the property on that waterfront to a specific developer. Mayor Schmitt responded that we were talking about a comprehensive plan. Ald. Graves said our legal department was supposed to prepare documents for that and he has not seen a contract or term sheet or anything committing the City of Green Bay to any development at any of those pieces of property. He said until such time, any developer does not have exclusive right to develop any property.

Ald. Kriescher said a comprehensive plan is just an idea and we can change things any time we want and we never stick to the plans and when the Mayor said because we've adopted their plan, part of their plan before they even develop Admiral Flatley park, they put the grid system back in and he doesn't see the grid system back in downtown. He said he likes some of the ideas in the plan and voted for it and didn't pick it all apart until it's brought forward and tell them to come back with some changes. He said because Council approved it, the thought is that everything on it is going to be done, adding that he can't support this either. Ald. Graves said if a comprehensive plan means nothing, we shouldn't waste time passing them. Mayor Schmitt responded that a comprehensive plan is not useless, adding that a city has to have a plan. He said this was a vision, a plan and the projects come back to Council for approval. Ald. Graves said we haven't seen anything yet, only a concept, talking about a grid street plan that may not play out.

Rob Strong said since 1990 we had the 1997 Comp Plan, which was redone in 2001 or 2002. He said the action Council took was to amend the Comp Plan to include the grid street system over the next 20 years. Ald. Graves said expanding the convention space altered the comprehensive plan. Further discussion ensued regarding parking ramps, the Penney's Building, relative to the Comp Plan. Ald. Zima said there is no shame to the Council amending the Comprehensive Plan, adding that it is nothing more than a variety of ideas; a guideline. He said when they saw Mr. Vetter's plan they were simply saying these were more ideas that they might consider and might embrace, nothing more. He said Mr. Vetter was excited about looking at the possibility of restoring the grid down the road, but it was something down the road if it happened at all. Mr. Zima said Mr. Fradette inferred that the City has a legal obligation to allow Mr. Vetter to develop those three sites and if we decided against one of those projects, we could be subject to a lawsuit, asking Atty. Hanson if this is accurate? Atty. Hanson responded yes, but the question is whether he would win or not. Atty. Hanson stated he preferred not to get into the legal steps, adding that there are always two sides and Mr. Vetter has taken some good faith steps. He recommended focusing from here on out what they are going to do with the development and if they wished a further explanation of the litigation end of this, he recommends it be in closed session at a future meeting. Ald. Zima said Atty. Hanson may wish to tell his staff this. Ald. Zima asked if when the City creates a comprehensive plan, are they obligated to follow that to the letter. Atty. Hanson responded "no". Mr. Zima asked if they amended the comp plan to include those ideas for the riverfront. Atty. Hanson said that is correct. Ald. Zima said if it's part of the comp plan, it's something they could do if they wished to. Atty. Hanson said they do have choices on their side and don't have that obligation, but that doesn't necessarily mean that there aren't points on the other side. He again recommended discussing this in closed session. Ald. Zima said these legal issues are being used as a wedge to say we have to allow Mr. Vetter to do whatever he wants to do. He recalls it being said that everything has to be brought back to the Council.

Ald. Vander Leest again motioned to receive and place on file the information on downtown update and asked to move on with the remainder of the agenda. Motion seconded by Ald. Dax. Ald. Wery said there was a meeting announced after the fact between a couple of aldermen, the Days Inn, Washington Commons and the veterans. He would like to have all the aldermen involved in that meeting. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ald. Dax, seconded by Ald. Kriescher to move item #6 up. Motion carried.

- 6. Request by Ald. Van Den Heuvel to review the Inspection Department and put it under a more appropriate department.**

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats., to consider promotion or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The committee may reconvene in open session pursuant to §19.85(2) Wis. Stats.

Motion made by Ald. Vander Leest, seconded by Ald. Zima to convene in closed session. Motion unanimously carried.

Atty. Hanson suggested taking comments first in open session, and convening in closed session if need be. After further discussion, **motion was made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Dax to rescind the vote to convene in closed session. Motion carried.**

Ald. Van Den Heuvel said he thought we were going to hear a report on how other cities handled their Inspection Dept. That was agenda item #5, which related to committee and commission structure. Atty. Hanson said Council had asked Human Resources to look at the reorganization and the study done by HR which will be presented at next week's Personnel Committee. Ald. Zima asked why this reorganization has taken place if Personnel needed to approve the change first. Rob Strong said there has been no reclassification and no change in the table of organization, only a change in who they report to. He said now people are being reclassified and that is what Personnel will be bringing forward. Rob said he checked with Human Resources before making the change and was told he did not need the approval of Personnel. Ald. Zima said with all due respect, Cheryl Renier-Wigg was never in the Inspection Division previously. Atty. Hanson again stated that the study and reclassification and reorganization will be covered at the Personnel Committee. Ald. Zima said this is a departure from anything they have done before and is putting the cart before the horse, adding that someone who has not worked in Inspection is now a manager for that Division? He said the Mayor should have discussed this before the change was made and said this has created a lot of discord in the department. Atty. Hanson asked them to allow Personnel to thoroughly review this whole thing, to refer it to the Personnel Committee, and read the reorganization guidelines.

Ald. Van Den Heuvel stated that the Fire Department has to go into many different buildings to do fire inspections and his thought was that an inspector could accompany them to check everything. He feels this would be a time saving measure and possibly save money as well. Ald. Dax said Fire Department inspects for fire safety and inspection inspects for ordinance violations. Ald. Nicholson asked the committee to go into closed session to hash out some rumors. Ald. Theisen said the Fire and Police Departments call Inspection when they see a problem, and he'd wish to hear from Tom Lesperance if something needed to be changed.

Ald. Zima reviewed the history of the Inspection Department, stating that at one time it stood by itself, was then placed under the Department of Public Works, then Planning and this year was partially placed under the supervision of Cheryl Renier-Wigg. He said the

Fire Department would not be the appropriate Department to oversee inspection and he would like to see it placed back under the Department of Public Works. He stated there is much discord and unhappiness in the Inspection Dept. since this recent change. He said he would like to hear from these people and if we want to make a change, motions can be made to that effect.

Motion was made by Ald. Dax, seconded by Ald. Zima to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak. Motion carried.

Jacquelyn Fradette addressed the committee asking Ald. Van Den Heuvel why he felt it was inappropriate to have Inspection under the Planning Dept.? Mr. Van Den Heuvel responded that it makes sense to him to place Inspection under the Fire Department, adding that it was just a suggestion. Mrs. Fradette she is a representative of the Neighborhood Associations and Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Council and they have received more systematic inspections, and are giving the Council more of a connection to the neighborhoods which they asked to have. Ald. Zima said regarding the systematic inspections, in 1996 this communication was submitted and there was an uproar, and said it doesn't matter who heads the Dept. Mrs. Fradette asked in making their decision on this issue, that they please see the connection between housing, neighborhoods and inspection. Ald. Kriescher said Inspection gets their marching orders from City Council. Mrs. Fradette said Cheryl is doing a great job, stating that part of that is because she came from the neighborhood division and has that connection.

Motion made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Vander Leest to return to regular order of business. Motion carried.

Ald. Zima said the issue isn't caring about neighborhoods, adding that the Mayor and all members of the Council care about improving the quality of the neighborhoods. He said former Ald. Haefs drafted a mission statement that the City Council signed on to, which has been their intention to improve neighborhoods. He said how we go about it, is something they can discuss. He said they can discuss if what's happened so far is a good thing or not, and they can make changes if they feel it's necessary. Ald. Dax said they have been requested by Ald. Nicholson to convene in closed session to discuss some sensitive issues, with Ald. Zima responding that he doesn't operate on rumors and said it's inappropriate to discuss why members of the staff want it one way or another, or to change policies in closed session. He said only personality issues should be discussed in closed session.

Ald. Arnoldi said we put people in management and if someone is not performing the way they should be, that manager should be bringing that forward to the Personnel Committee. He said if the manager isn't bringing that forward then the manager has a problem. He stated that they cannot micromanage all the departments, adding that the department heads should be taking care of these problems.

Larry Wiest, Assistant Inspection Superintendent said he is confused right now and some of the other staff is confused about how the department is focused. He said housing is important but as far as inspection goes, they deal with 4,000 complaints a year and 4,000 construction projects and it's all involved in preserving the housing stock in this city. He

said it's not just housing inspectors, it's not just building inspectors, or electrical inspectors, adding that it's all tied together. Mr. Wiest said he has a job title that he was hired under, to be Tom's assistant and to supervise the housing and building inspectors to achieve that goal and he has concerns about it. He indicated he has spoken with Rob about it and hopes the problems can be worked out. Ald. Vander Leest asked Mr. Wiest how many people he reports to. Mr. Wiest responded that right now we have 5 housing/zoning inspectors, which in the past were separate positions, he directly supervises those people, 4 building inspectors and 3 electrical and 3 plumbing inspectors, 3 clerical staff. Ald. Zima asked if he would describe the department since the new structure was put in place, as positive, negative or neutral status quo? Mr. Wiest responded that it's positive in that it's directed more toward the housing end of it, that's been a positive thing but said it has created some confusion, especially with the housing and zoning inspectors. Ald. Zima asked about some staff not speaking to each other, with Mr. Wiest replying that there's always been a problem keeping communication going between the housing and zoning inspectors and building inspectors. He said the split has not really helped that, adding that it's drawn an imaginary line there.

Mr. Zima asked Tom Lesperance how he feels regarding the new structure and how it affected the department. Mr. Lesperance said he feels it has created a lot of tension between the staff and that's become more evident over the past month. Going back to the beginning of his tenure, Tom L. said he had about the same number of building inspectors, electrical and plumbing inspectors and 2 zoning inspectors. He said in 1995 when the housing inspectors were put under his authority, they acquired 2 inspectors at that time. He indicated 2 more were added in the next year and in 1996 when the systematic surveys were started they added an additional 2 and put in Larry's position as assistant. Ald. Zima asked when the 2 additional housing inspectors were added, if this was the result of Council action to encourage better neighborhoods? Mr. Lesperance responded yes, the Council's and Mayor Jadin's mission was to improve neighborhoods and the MNRB was formed, to encourage neighborhoods to develop and organize and to make the condition of the neighborhoods more evident. He said this is when the systematic inspections were started, with 3,000 properties being surveyed. Mr. Zima reviewed the history of the inspection department, stating that one housing inspector was added after a long fight, who inspected existing housing. Ald. Zima said this council has added positions in inspection in recent years, has added money to acquire properties, and to rehab properties. He said this community has been very high on the caring aspect of the neighborhoods. He said the department has been divided and asked Mr. Lesperance how he feels with the new structure. Mr. Lesperance said since the first of the year the decision to put the housing and zoning inspectors under Mr. Wiest and Cheryl Renier-Wigg, changed the structure for him and gave the authority to Larry indirectly and ultimately to Cheryl.

Ald. Zima asked Mr. Lesperance's educational background, with Tom L. responding that he is a graduate from UW Milwaukee in Architecture, he's a registered architect and has taken numerous courses on housing and additional educational courses since being registered. He has worked as an architect for over 20 years and has worked for the City since 1992, first as the lead inspector and then as head of inspection. Ald. Vander Leest asked what Mr. Lesperance's recommendation is to improve this situation, asking if there is a way to put this back on the right track and reorganize it? Mr. Lesperance said he

hasn't put any recommendations down or done a study, adding that he only has the information he has in working here for the past 13 years. He said Inspection works closely with the Fire Dept, and they call inspection in on a moment's notice and get referrals from the Fire Dept, which they respond to. Ald. Vander Leest asked if the committee should wait on this issue until after Personnel Committee addresses the issue next week. Ald. Zima said he is trying to provide and get some history. He asked at what point in time Mr. Lesperance started the practice of a reporting system that tracked every complaint, and gave the aldermen volumes of paper regarding these complaints. Mr. Lesperance said this started in earnest in 1994, and they had specialists entering the data and he couldn't find where things were, and thus developed his own database which worked closely with the systematic surveys. Ald. Zima asked if a complaint had ever come in, anonymously or non-anonymously that was not followed up on? Mr. Lesperance said not since he's been there, adding that there's a file on every complaint. Ald. Zima said the system was responsive before the new structure and disagrees with any statement that it was not, with Mr. Lesperance concurring. Mr. Zima said the department has always been responsive to any request, this is not a new thing. Ald. Zima said Cheryl doesn't have the background that Mr. Lesperance has.

Ald. Theisen also reviewed the history of the inspection department and said he has worked with Mr. Lesperance for many years, adding that he doesn't remember many complaints from 1984 to 1990. He said he didn't become an inspector until in the 90's. He said in the 80's we didn't have impact neighborhoods, or the neighborhood division, or neighborhood enhancement funds. He said if an alderman had a problem house in the neighborhood they didn't have the luxury of buying it and tearing it down, but had to tell the people that that house in an inspection issue. He said we do things differently now and the planning staff with the neighborhood division works much closer with the people in neighborhoods than the planning staff in the past. He said we sometimes have neighborhood division people and housing inspectors working on the same property from a different angle, adding that the idea was to bridge that and help them to work together. Mr. Theisen said he didn't think about how the hierarchy changed for Mr. Wiest and Mr. Lesperance. He hopes everyone can work together for the common goal of improving neighborhoods. He said we have to have cooperation because we do things differently now and have to work through your managers, even though they might make a decision that you don't agree with. He stated that he has the feeling that we're following up more frequently with the new setup. He said at the last meeting Rob told the committee that in many other cities inspection reports to planning and we have to try to do what we can to make employees happy, but more importantly we have to make sure that we keep our customer, the public, happy with what we're doing. He believes this is working well from an external point of view.

Ald. Graves asked Mr. Lesperance what his duties are now. Mr. Lesperance responded that he supervises and oversees the work of all the inspectors underneath him. His general daily activities include reviewing the daily assignments of the inspectors but is not reviewing the assignments of the housing inspectors although he still manages the information that they put into the system. Ald. Graves said we've streamlined government, with Mr. Lesperance saying not necessarily, adding that he answers questions from inspectors and questions on zoning codes and how they relate to housing and inspection. He said Mr. Wiest does that as well, adding that they work closely. Ald. Graves said it

seems that we've added more layers of bureaucracy. Mr. Lesperance said he pretty much does the same thing as he's always done, with Ald. Graves asking what we've accomplished by making the change. Rob Strong responded that the motive was to bring new management in place to get proactive in the neighborhoods. Rob said the housing and zoning inspectors have a better understanding now of the other tools and resources available to them to solve the problems. He said the knowledge of these tools are going to make them more efficient. He said it gives us the ability to go to these other people who have resources CDBG Funds, MNLC, and the other things that neighborhoods are aware of allows you to do a comprehensive approach to the problem. Mayor Schmitt said there are two things: one is inspection moving from DPW to planning a year and a half ago and in January of this year some of the housing inspectors were moved into the Neighborhood Division. He said this was to make the existing homeowner and the inspectors more aware of what could be done for that neighborhood.

Mr. Strong said the inspectors are not being asked to do more, adding that he has very good people in this position, but management wasn't getting it done. He added that he spent a year reviewing this issue before making the change and worked with his staff to make some changes. He said inspection was given to him eighteen months ago to find a way to make this more efficient, not to slight people in the department. He said for a month he's had a cloud hanging over him and he's been questioned about the change, which makes it difficult for his staff to accept. Rob said he emphasizes more accountability, expecting staff to show up for work on time, put in their 8 hours and to be accountable to their duties and to the City. He is not saying that the inspection department was not accountable in the past. Ald. Zima said there is a need for a direct line of authority, with Rob agreeing, stating that they are going through that right now. Ald. Zima asked if funds of the RDA are drying up, aside from the Planning Dept.? He said at one time there was talk of Cheryl becoming half time in the Mayor's Office, and asked if her position didn't have enough to do? He said if she had enough duties, why was she being asked to do more?

Cheryl Renier-Wigg addressed the committee stating that she has nothing but respect for Tom Lesperance and Larry Wiest. She said Tom L. is the technical expert, and she was brought on board for her management skills, her bringing together the resources to make things more efficient. She said she has had the opportunity to meet with Judge Hinkfuss on what he needs to bring these public nuisance properties to bare, meetings with CP's so they can tie the CP's to inspection right away so the inspectors aren't going back 5 or 6 times. She stated she has been employed by the city for 18 years mostly in the housing field, she used to run the rehab loan program and she has done spec writing and is not ignorant to the housing needs. She said that's the end that she's bringing in and would like to change the laws with regards to evictions and speed those up, so we can get the bad tenants out quicker. She said she hopes inspectors are being more responsive to the aldermen in keeping them up on what's happening in their neighborhoods. Ald. Zima said he's at a loss that there was any less accountability or responsiveness, asking Cheryl if she is aware of any dissension in her department? Cheryl responded "absolutely" stating that regardless of what happens, she will be working with the inspection department. She said there are three issues here: the personnel issues that are going to be there regardless of who is going to run the department, should inspection remain under the planning dept., and should the housing inspectors be under neighborhoods. She said it's

awkward dealing with some of it because we're not handling all of it. Ald. Zima said he has never experienced such low morale and the dissention that is going on the last few months. Cheryl said "and you think that's just happened now?" Ald. Zima asked if Cheryl's position is being studied to be raised, is someone else's classification going to be lowered? Cheryl responded "no", there are only looking at reclassifying her position.

**Ald. Zima made a motion to put Inspection back under the Public Works Dept.,
Motion seconded by Ald. Vander Leest.**

Ald. Fradette said he didn't have a lot of experience with the way inspection was structured before, but said there seemed to be something missing. He said things weren't getting done, but added that Tom Lesperance often is working late and he (Ald. Fradette) sends a tough problem to Tom often. He stated that now we have a connection with the neighborhoods and there are internal issues that need to be clarified and worked out, but overall he feels it is an improvement. He said before he would get complaints from constituents that things weren't getting done, people didn't know the inspectors very well, and didn't know who to call so they would call him. He stated that now he is getting calls saying they know the inspectors because they knew Cheryl. He said the amount of inspection sheets he gets has tripled and he likes that he's not getting called as much. He said they trust who it is when they call. He sees this as a positive change and we need to keep it. He said Cheryl is in tune with the neighborhoods and knows what's going on there.

Ald. Zima asked what complaint was not responded to under the past structure. Ald. Fradette said he will bring addresses to Council tomorrow night. Ald. Theisen recalled years back that a number of aldermen had complained that inspection follow-ups were taking too long, inspection issues weren't thorough enough, etc. He said a study was done, which Frank Dadam may still have, and the results of that study was kind of a policy thing back then was more to work with the landlords, give them time and work with them as opposed to taking them to court. He recalled when Ald. Haefs brought something to Protection & Welfare to track 25 properties and why would he have done that if there weren't any issues? He agreed that Tom Lesperance does a good job and is even found to be in his office on Sunday sometimes. He recalled talking to Lanny Schimmel regarding the nuisance properties and now we're working on those things. He compared inspection to the Beat Cops, stating that before the beat cops were here, the police officer would take care of a problem one night and leave. He said the same thing would happen the next night; they were being responsive and solving the problem. Since the beat cops came, they are analyzing the situation to find out what's really causing the problem. He likes the concept of bringing all the tools together and although everybody is working hard, if all the tools aren't working together in an optimum fashion, we won't resolve the problems.

Ald. Zima said the goal has always been to get compliance. He said at the time the survey inspections were done, it created quite a clamor because people that had almost nothing wrong with their houses were being written up the same as the people whose house was in a shambles. He said the language was very strong and Council met on this through committee and told the inspectors to work with people. He added that he along time ago, got citation power for the sanitarians. He said they never abused the power but used it to get compliance. He said the inspection department has achieved a big turn around and

the neighborhoods have improved dramatically in the last 10 years. He said the changes are just creating bureaucracy, and there is much unhappiness in the department.

Ald. Dax said this is the worst meeting he has ever attended since he's been on Council. He stated that the only sensible statement that he's heard was Ald. Arnoldi's statement regarding holding managers accountable. He said this isn't about Rob or Tom; it's about change and he hasn't heard one evidence about what is wrong with serving our constituents. He said there are some problems because people aren't getting along, adding that maybe men don't like working for women, he doesn't know. He said it's a very sensitive issue and if somebody isn't talking to someone, Rob or Tom better deal with it. He said this cross examining of everybody who disagrees is ridiculous and it's all accusations.

A vote was taken on Ald. Zima's motion to place Inspection back under the Department of Public Works. Motion failed.

Motion made by Ald. Vander Leest to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ald. Dax. Motion failed.

****Ald. Vander Leest and Ald. Dax left the meeting at this time.**

5. Report by Mayor's Office Staff on committee structure in other municipalities.

Sara Van Vonderen distributed a report on committee structure in other municipalities.

Motion made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Kriescher to hold this item until a future meeting to allow committee members time to read the information. Motion carried.

7. Request by Ald. Graves to review the department structure after the recent reorganization (referred 2/15/05).

Ald. Graves said the problem he has is the Economic Development Department, and asked Peter Thillman to state his feelings. Mr. Thillman responded that since he will be leaving the department, he doesn't feel he's in a position to comment, but did say he feels there are too many chiefs and not enough Indians. Ald. Graves said his motion would be that the economic development department would be under the jurisdiction of the Council member from the RDA, the Planning Commission, the City Council President and the Mayor. He said anytime someone comes in regarding new development, they would be taken through the departments and make sure everything is done in a timely fashion. Ald. Zima asked if he is requesting all development projects be forwarded to a Council committee? Ald. Graves said he wants to be certain the Mayor knows, the Redevelopment member knows and the Planning Commission knows and the Council knows, because some projects get referred to staff and apparently die.

Ald. Zima said he had made the suggestion of an economic development committee of the Council being formed. Ald. Graves said we had a situation where a condo project was ready to turn dirt and didn't have the zoning. His main concern is to make certain Council members are aware of what is going on. Ald. Kriescher said it sounds like Ald. Graves is trying to set up a committee of the Council, with the Council Rep on the RDA and Planning and the Council President, as well as the Mayor and the Economic Development Director. Ald. Zima said all of this would be reported back to the full Council as appropriate, and

again stated that he feels it's important to get a standing committee of the Council to take referrals and invite referrals to anyone who wants to do a project in the city. Ald. Fradette said there is a council rep on EDA also.

Ald. Arnoldi said if this is an official committee, if someone comes in with an idea to just feel it out, would we scare them away? Ald. Zima said anyone can come and talk with staff to get information. Ald. Arnoldi said if it's a matter of public record and in the paper the next day, they may get scared away. Ald. Theisen said if you go through RDA or EDA that's all public record. Ald. Zima said what they're reacting to is there was a major development that was rejected by staff without Council consideration and was brought forward to Advisory Committee through a communication from the Alderman from the district. Ald. Theisen said the alderman could have done a communication to RDA rather than Advisory. He assumes developers in the city know that they can write to the RDA to get on the agenda any time. Ald. Arnoldi said the developer felt he was not being listened to, and apparently had brought this to RDA, that's why he brought this to the Advisory Committee. Ald. Theisen said this could have been referred to the RDA, adding that we should have one process for development.

Mayor Schmitt said the Days Inn owners were not ignored, adding that he and Rob had met with him. He said it went through a process and they didn't like the suggestions. Rob said the communication came through the RDA and he met with Mohammed who stated that he was going to stick \$1million into his building and asked if the City would help him with a loan on this project. Rob said he shared this with the Development Team and Rob did not recommend giving a loan on this project. Rob stated that Mr. Rashid cancelled for two future meetings, stating that he met with Mr. Rashid and his attorney twice. Rob said staff can recommend not to approve a project, they have that jurisdiction. He said he doesn't keep things from the RDA or from the council, adding that if they don't bring it forward, it doesn't get to anybody's hands. Ald. Graves asked if any recommendation was given regarding TIF funding. Rob responded yes, adding that the only way we could help them was if they find a way to increase the value of that property because that corner deserves more of a project. Ald. Zima said Mr. Rashid told him that the City wasn't interested in his project because they were going to straighten the road. Rob said the road straightening was not even in the plan at that time, the loan wasn't recommended because of the value of that corner. Rob said Mr. Rashid asked for assurance that the property would never be condemned and that nothing else would ever be put there. Rob said he could not make that promise to him or to any other developer. Mayor Schmitt said Tom Juza tried to buy Mr Rashid's property; the city never offered to buy it. Ald. Zima said Mr. Rashid never said the city offered to buy it. The Mayor said staff can sometimes say that they recommend a project or not, adding that they can still bring it forward. Ald. Graves asked why we don't work with them and make a recommendation. Rob answered "we do!" Further discussion ensued regarding zoning and following the ordinance and projects being outside the standard zoning categories having to come back twice. Rob said they are recommending changes in their ordinance that would make it easier for developers to do projects in downtown. Ald. Graves asked if the competition is operating the same way around our city? Rob said you cannot rezone a property in a day but can tell them in some cases quite early if the zoning will go through.

Motion made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Kriescher to hold this item until a future meeting to allow Ald. Graves to work with the Law Department on a future request regarding Economic Development. Motion carried.

8. Staff report on all loans in the Revolving Loan Fund. The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1)(f)(b) Wis. Stats. to consider financial, personal histories or data of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. The committee may reconvene in open session pursuant to §19.85(2) Wis. Stats.

Peter Thillman distributed information regarding the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund and gave a short synopsis of the history of the program. He said Economic development has two financial tools available in the city, TIF and the Revolving Loan Fund. He said in 1989 the City of Green Bay approved the allocation of \$200,000 of the city's 1990 Community Development Block Grant Funds for the purpose of establishing an economic development revolving loan fund program. He said the purpose of this program is to create and retain employment opportunities in the City of Green Bay, with major emphasis on employment for persons from low-to-moderate income households. He said eligible projects include building acquisition, rehabilitation or expansion, real estate acquisition, purchase & installation of machinery & equipment and working capital (in the form of a loan guarantee only). He reviewed the ineligible projects and stated that we can only provide up to 50% of the total project costs and the consumer has to come in with at least 10% equity and we can only loan a maximum of \$35,000 for each permanent FTE job. ***See attached documents of the presentation. He said we are dealing with the more risky loans because if they were a good deal they would have gotten commercial terms. Ald. Zima said he remembered that this revolving loan fund was to be a tool to attract businesses that were bank worthy and not to fund risky projects. He said we have areas that we want to develop and he doesn't feel they should be high risk, adding that the last thing he wants to see are businesses that fail with empty store fronts. Mr. Thillman explained that on the Loan Status sheet, the top third of the page is current outstanding debt, the second set are those that are paid off, the third set are those that have been written off by the RDA. He said we are in default proceedings with Arlies, Ultimate Box and VNH Industrial Machining, stating that four are in bankrupt proceedings right now. Ald. Zima asked how the payment schedule is determined. Rob said HUD required federal dollars that projects couldn't be done without this assistance, the payments are structured according to their ability to pay.

Mr. Thillman said the interest rate is the same for all of them at 4% plus a 2% origination fee on the loan. He discussed the start ups and credit history and said staff serves as a credit institution. He said a presentation is given to the EDA and then a recommendation is given to RDA and the paperwork is drawn up. He said the failure rate for startup businesses is above the national average. Ald. Zima asked if a couple of the businesses never made one payment on their loan according to the synopsis sheet, with Mr. Thillman confirming this as correct. Mr. Thillman said as a junior lender we have to subordinate. Ald. Zima asked if the building that Uprisings is in is city owned. Rob responded that John Hopfensperger owns the building, adding that there is no city money in that building. Ald.

Zima asked if we can require the rent to be more reasonable for the tenants. Mr. Thillman said we can negotiate with the developer but some tenants required specific things which were more costly. Mr. Thillman said we are undercapitalized in this fund and said we cannot do manufacturing loans for this reason. Ald. Zima suggested an incentive program to attract business that we would subsidize them for 3 years. Mr. Thillman said TIF is a better program for that. He said this fund has about \$10,000 a month coming in and will be getting another \$100,000 from the Feds. Rob said the intent of the program is job creation. The information was received and placed on file.

Motion was made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Wery to request the Economic Development Director to submit written recommendations on how to improve the Revolving Loan Program. Motion carried.

9. **Request of Ald. Van Den Heuvel to have the monies spent and projects by the Redevelopment Authority put before the Common Council for final approval.**

Motion made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Wery to hold this item until a future meeting. Motion carried.

10. Report by staff on signage in downtown.

Rob reviewed the history of the request by Russ DeMille for a reader board for the KI Convention Center, dating back to 2002. He said Jones Sign submitted a plan with the hope that advertising revenue would cover the cost of the sign. Mr. Strong said they explored a proposal with Orde Advertising to have them make a proposal to council. He said the cost of the Orde sign would need help from the city, indicating that it would cost \$211,000-\$345,000 with 2 billboards and 50% of the reader board. The cost to the city would be \$310,000. He indicated that billboards that are eliminated in downtown are not replaced according to the ordinance. He said they then asked Jones Sign to submit a scaled down version and the city would need to find 4 contributors to each contribute \$50,000 and he wasn't able to get 4 people to contribute this amount. Rob said WPS and the hospitals turned him down. Ald. Zima suggested when there were more stores in the mall he could see them paying \$50 or \$100 a day to advertise their products. Mr. Strong said Orde couldn't cover the \$200,000 and he reviewed Orde's requirements, adding that the more restrictive we got, the less interested Orde was. Ald. Zima said we could change the ordinance. Mr. Strong said Blaize at the Regency talked with him about getting a new sign and Rob thought the City might be able to partner with them.

Motion was made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Kriescher to refer to staff to continue working toward getting signage in downtown. Motion carried.

11. Referral from the Green Bay Plan Commission to review the zoning petition referral process in order to shorten the timeframe of petitions for City action (referred 9/27/04).

Rob Strong explained the current referral process for zoning petitions, which takes 2-3 weeks. His suggestion for shortening this process would be to have requests brought directly to staff and staff would provide Council with a list of the requests at the next council meeting. These could be placed on the Council agenda under petitions and communications. Mr. Strong said this could speed up the start time by two weeks. Ald.

Kriescher questioned if this would give the perception that requests are cut and dried. Ald. Theisen asked if they still would have the option of holding it up if there is controversy, with Rob responding yes.

Motion was made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Wery to approve the request from the Plan Commission to have zoning petition requests submitted directly to staff and to have staff report the requests to Council at the following City Council meeting. Motion carried, with Ald. Kriescher voting Nay.

12. Request by Ald. Fradette to consider assigning a recording secretary to the Improvement & Service Committee or assign a secretary to transcribe recorded minutes of their meetings. (referred 4/7/05).

Ald. Fradette said the I&S minutes only contain motions and no discussion. Ald. Zima said they deal with many routine items and he doesn't need to hear that discussion. Ald. Fradette said he would like to see discussion on non-routine items or controversial items.

Motion made by Ald. Zima, seconded by Ald. Kriescher to request the Department of Public Works staff to more extensively report out minutes of the Improvement & Service Committee, on items that are controversial or had debate. Motion carried.

13. Schedule next meeting.

The next meeting will be scheduled at the call of the chair.

14. Adjourn

Motion made by Ald. Kriescher, seconded by Ald. Graves to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
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