

A meeting of the Downtown Park Task Force was held on Thursday August 27, 2020 via teleconference on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Paruch.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Chairperson	Paruch Ciechorski DuBuc Kindinger Krieger McIntyre Streamer	Douglas Arvan

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Krieger  
Seconded by Ms. Kindinger

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of January 15, 2020 are hereby approved as submitted.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

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**CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner DuBuc was feeling optimistic when he visited the Normandy Oaks project and is excited for the members of the Downtown Park Task Force to have those feelings about the park they are helping design.

Mayor Pro Tem Paruch was also excited to see how the Normandy Oaks project was going and equally excited about the Downtown Park. She also introduced new City Manager Paul Brake to the task force members.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Charles Semchena, 4403 Auburn spoke of the editorial he wrote that urged the task force to fill the gap in transparency and to provide knowledge to people by hosting a town hall and inviting people who had donated money to move memorial to the current location and the veterans that have participated in the past.

Mr. Bill Harrison, 2729 Trafford stated that it appears that the memorial is being moved to have a food court and will no longer be in a prominent location. The memorial relocation should be a question on the ballot.

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**NEW BUSINESS  
DOWNTOWN PARK REVIEW**

Mr. Andy Knight from MKSK shared the presentation and stated that MKSK has taken the concept design, presented in January, fine-tuned it and put it all together. All programmatic elements from the beginning stages of planning are still present with lots of vegetation to keep shade in the plan.

Ms. Kristyn Bowden presented the hardscape plan. Perimeter path will be a different color to stand out, while the bulk of the sight is concrete pavement. In the seated areas there will be pavers, inspired by an oak trees' DNA pattern. The fountain will have granite pavers, while the memorial will have cobble pavers.

Ms. Haley Wolfe presented the lighting plans and the site furnishings. There are pedestrian lights throughout, with taller lights on poles and overhead string lighting. Bollard lights are placed around the memorial to create ambiance. She presented an orange and navy-blue color pallet for site furnishings to compliment the Royal Oak brand. There is a built-in stage, two benches, lots of removable furniture across the sight and a natural play scape

Mr. Roberto de Leon presented architectural components. The canopy at library was designed based off of the oak leaf characteristics and the restroom wall surface is designed based off oak tree bark,

The overview presentation can be found here:

[https://www.romi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/27455/20\\_0821\\_CentennialCommons\\_DDAMeeting](https://www.romi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/27455/20_0821_CentennialCommons_DDAMeeting)

Moved by Ms. Kindinger  
Seconded by Mr. Ciechorski

Be it resolved; the downtown park task force wishes to move forward with the design as it was presented tonight.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Ciechorski, Ms. Kindinger, Mr. Krieger, Commissioner DuBuc, Ms. Streamer, Mr. McIntyre

Nays: None

Adopted unanimously

Upon motion of Mr. Krieger and seconded by Commissioner DuBuc, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 7:10 pm.

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Melanie Halas, City Clerk

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