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FRONT AVENUE PROJECT – 2ND TO 3RD STREET UPDATE

City Engineer Gordon Dobler stated that the Front Avenue design from 2nd to 3rd has been discussed several times. New information is being brought forward to include a donation from the Hagadone Corporation to enhance the improvements to the Centennial Trail through that corridor. He has met with the Centennial Trail Committee and they are in favor of the design. With the large donation there will be a ripple effect to the budget. He stated that he will bring back a budget amendment and move forward with a bid for construction in the spring.

Councilman Goodlander clarified that this is property from the resort through to 3rd Street along Front Avenue and requested Mr. Dobler show a drawing of the area/proposal. Councilman Gookin asked Mr. Gridley about the possibility of the PUD amendment coming before the Council. Mr. Gridley stated that Council should avoid questions pertaining to the PUD area as outlined in the green area on the drawing, as they would hear any appeals of the PUD amendment. Councilman Gookin asked if this design would come back to Council for approval. Mr. Dobler stated that this is conceptual, but the award of the contract would come before the Council after bids are received. Councilman Goodlander clarified the Resort's request to amend their PUD would go to the Planning Commission and, if it is not approved, they can appeal to the City Council. Mr. Gridley reiterated that anyone could appeal it to the City Council, not just the applicant. Councilman Goodlander stated that she is concerned that there will be conflict with the plaza area and Centennial Trail traffic, as it does not seem to have a connector. Mr. Dobler clarified that the Centennial Trail Committee was accepting of the design and clarified that there are ballards that will be removable on either end for delivery traffic (a 14' area), but permanent ballards will be installed in the center. Councilman Gookin stated that people are currently using a circular parking area south of the clock tower and it seems to be removed in the drawing and wondered about policies regarding removal of public parking. Councilman Goodlander stated that there will be parking stalls removed on the south side of Sherman Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets to accommodate a right turn lane. Mr. Gridley stated that some of the property is outside of the PUD. Councilman Edinger asked how many parking stalls would be removed between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Mr. Dobler stated approximately 4 or 5 stalls would be removed. Councilman Gookin expressed concern that the City requires a certain amount of parking stalls be provided with new construction without an option to remove those stalls; however, it appears the City is doing that with this project. Mayor Bloem stated the loss of the parking spaces was previously discussed and reviewed as opening to the park and there are additional stalls in the structure and along Front Avenue. Councilman Gookin stated that the parking lot south of the clock tower is convenient and would be a loss. Mayor Bloem reminded Mr. Gookin that it is within the PUD. Mr. Gridley clarified that there is an amendment to the PUD that will go to the Planning Commission, not the design between 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Dobler clarified that this is the first time that the City has had a design for this area, as the donation from the Hagadone Corporation allows for design enhancements including landscaping maintenance. Councilman Goodlander asked if this will remain public right-of-way with the City maintaining it and providing the plowing. Mr. Dobler stated that level of detail has not been worked out yet and should be a part of conversations going forward.