



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Agenda City Commission

WORK SESSION

Monday, May 10, 2021

5:15 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Ayes: Bonsall, Davis, Hanley, Hill, Mayer, Smith, Stonehouse

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no announcements.

Public Comment - Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please state your name and physical address when making public comments.

1. Discussion - Savings Bank Building Project

Jen and Jon Julien, owners of Braveworks, appeared via videoconferencing -- along with architect Barry Polzin -- and presented the plan they were proposing for the downtown Savings Bank Building.

The project would include hotel with more than 90 guest rooms, a commercial space, residential buildings and a parking garage with approximately 220 spaces. The project is planned to include public components like parking accessible to the community, as well as a "maker's space".

Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Consultant Mac McClelland then offered an overview of the MBRA, as well as a summary of the many moving parts involved in a project like this. He said the schedule was moving quickly for this project, and the group would be seeking support from the MBRA and the Marquette Downtown Development Authority in the near future. Pending approvals from those bodies, the City Commission may see a plan for approval as soon as next month.

Mayor Smith indicated that the Commission didn't have much time to discuss this project right now, as there was a regular City Commission meeting scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. She asked Commissioners to quickly voice their opinions. Several commissioners stated that the project looked very intriguing and may represent a large improvement, but the Commission also voiced questions about

lake views, City bonding ability and the future uses of the property.

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Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the work session at 5:59 p.m.

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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