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Memorandum

TO: Economic Development Advisory Commission
FROM: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
DATE: June 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Staff Report

Hello EDC! I am writing this memo since your regular staff person is working double time with additional COVID duties.

Wayfinding Streetscape update

- The City Council is reviewing all projects because of the expected loss of revenue due to COVID. It is possible that this project will be pulled until further notice. As a practical matter, given the difficulty of convening groups for public input, it would be prudent to wait another year to conduct this process.
- On a positive note, big changes have happened at Public Works. With the creation of the City Engineer position, the city hired a new public works director. This means all the work previously done by one person, Carey Meyer, now has two professionals to carry the load. I am optimistic this will help our community accomplish more projects. More hands...

Bylaws

- From a quick review of your meeting packet, I see there was desire to work more with the Planning Commission. Great! I suggest not including that in the bylaws, but rather add an annual work session with the planning commission to your EDC calendar.
- The Parks, Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission has an informal annual calendar with month and task listed, for the year. This helps us look ahead and schedule our duties. The calendar can be changed at will... no bylaw or council action needed. It is an informational item in every PACRAC packet.