



Memorandum

To: Village Board of Trustees

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Cc: Department Heads
Residents of McFarland

Date: February 4, 2019

Re: **Bi-Monthly Village Administrator Staff Report**

Recent Meetings Held

- January 23rd – Finance Committee
- January 24th – Community Development Open House Part 1 (Lakestone)
- January 28th at 6:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
- January 28th at 7:00 pm – Village Board

Current Events

The following is a list of issues, projects, or activities that have transpired recently:

- Farwell Street Redevelopment – The Village continues to examine the possible redevelopment of 4719 Farwell Street through its Community Development Authority. The first Open House was held on January 23rd regarding the proposed development with a second and final Open House scheduled for February 4th. Additionally, Staff is collecting input through the Village website for individuals to send in comments for the CDA to consider as part of their review. The CDA's next meeting is on February 6th where they will take up the comments received and provide direction to each Developer the revisions they wish to see with the plans thus far submitted. The key issue as part of this review is that the two Developers submitted their vision for the redevelopment of the property. They did so inline with the RFP that was requested of them and its important now to work with them now to create a shared vision for the development of the property. The revised proposal that can most closely align with the feedback provided by the CDA then likely stands a better chance of acceptance as part of making a recommendation.

- Terminal Drive Redevelopment – The residential and commercial project proposed by Ryan Quam for 4703 Terminal Drive will have a review of the Tax Incremental Financing applications at the CDA meeting on February 6th. The Developer is requesting \$1.1 million in TIF assistance to support elements of the redevelopment of the property first as a 27-unit apartment building and then as a two-story office building. Two additional phases to do the same will be proposed in future years. The project will add value to the site and increase the amount of property tax payment collected, called the increment. The increment will be collected to reimburse the Village for the initial investment in the project. There are also land use questions and general development review that will begin with the Plan Commission on February 18th. It is a large project and there are many steps to this review that will be taking place over the next several months. If completed though and ultimately approved, the work to redevelop the site will begin late this Spring or early this Summer.
- Urso/Schuetz Park – Staff continues to plan for improvements at Urso/Schuetz Park following the construction of a new parking lot and general woodland clearing in 2018. Future improvements include a new disc golf course, expansion of the dog park, and internal trail development. One of the key pieces of the future development of this site is the development of the Lower Yahara River Trail. Dane County completed the connection between Madison and McFarland in 2017, and is now studying connection between McFarland and Stoughton to continue this improvement. The current trail layout is located on the northside of Elvehjem Road and the desire is to bring the trail down through the heart of this park lining up with Holscher Road. In order to plan for this the Village applied for a grant through Dane County for some of this work but recently found out our project was not selected for funding. Staff continues to discuss the project with Dane County and internally to plan out these improvements for the continued and enhanced enjoyment of this park.

Upcoming Schedule

Please note the following schedule of upcoming meetings:

- February 4th at 5:15 pm – Library Board
- February 4th at 5:30 pm - Community Development Open House Part 2 (Horizon)
- February 4th at 6:30 pm – Personnel Committee
- February 6th at 7:00 pm – Community Development Authority
- February 7th at 6:00 pm – Volunteer Committee
- February 11th at 6:30 pm – Committee of the Whole
- February 11th at 7:00 pm – Village Board
- February 12th at 6:00 pm – Public Works Committee
- February 13th at 6:30 pm – Public Safety Committee

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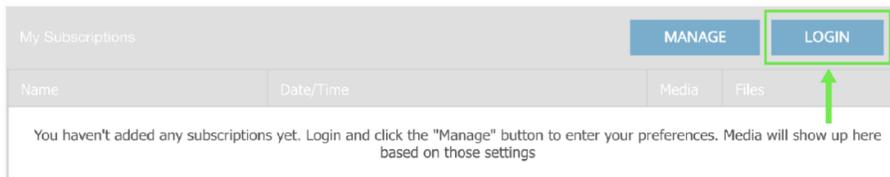
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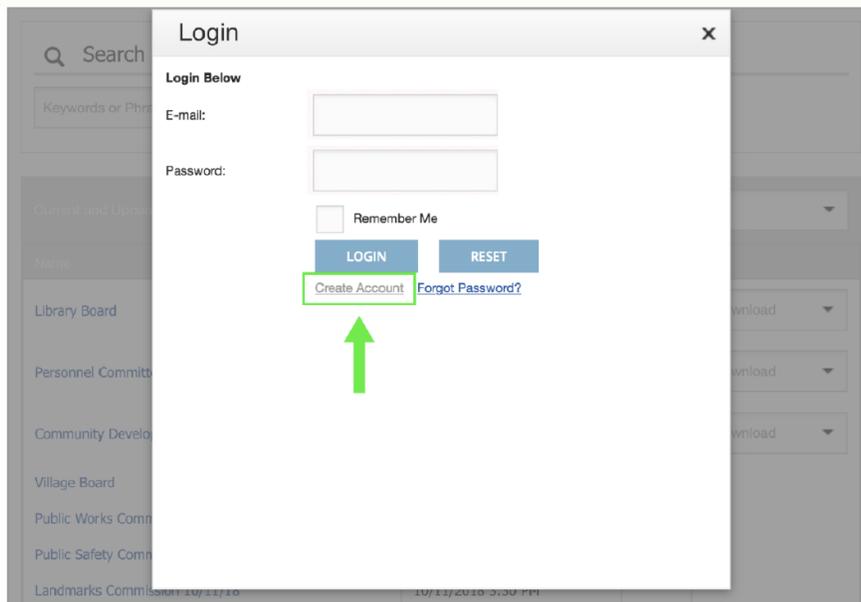


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