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Memorandum

To: Village Board of Trustees

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Cc: Department Heads
Residents of McFarland

Date: June 11, 2020

Re: Bi-Monthly Village Administrator Staff Report

Recent Meetings Held

- June 1st – Library Board
- June 1st – Personnel Committee
- June 2nd – Sustainable McFarland Ad-Hoc Committee
- June 4th – Volunteer Committee
- June 8th – Village Board
- June 9th – Public Works Committee
- June 10th – Public Safety Committee

Current Events

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

- Black Lives Matter Gathering – “The Vision of the Village of McFarland is to create an inviting, dynamic, diverse community, that offers a high quality of life, and a supportive environment in which all citizens may practice their individual value choices.” ([Vision Statement](#), Village of McFarland, July 26, 2018) For those reasons and many others, black lives matter in our Community. This was demonstrated by the tremendous outpouring of support at the Black Lives Matter Gathering held on Wednesday, June 3rd within Larson Park. This was a very poignant event within the Village to hear specifically from Community members regarding their experiences.

The result of which has led to a call to action via a resolution presented by event organizers and backed by hundreds from the Community who signed onto the resolution. This resolution and petition of support was presented to the Village Board on Monday, June 8th. The Village Board was also scheduled to consider a resolution to condemn the actions that led to the loss of life in Minneapolis. The end result of this will be the combination of these resolutions as one voice to condemn racism and create a call to action that is born from within the Community in order to have a lasting impact for future generations. I look forward to collaborating with the event organizers in order to work on this resolution and jointly presenting to the Village Board for their consideration on June 22nd.

- COVID-19/Reopening Plan – Dane County remains in Phase 1 of the Forward Dane plan and likely on June 12th we'll receive an update on the next transition point into Phase 2. On Monday, June 8th, Village Staff presented its Operational Reopening Plan to the Village Board. The full plan is available for viewing on the Village website and details Department by Department the impacts the virus outbreak has had as well as how we ease back into reopening. There remains a lot of work to do yet as we work through these phases but we are here to serve, and if anything is needed please feel free to call or email the Village for assistance. Staff has done an excellent job to work around these challenges in order to meet the demand to provide these services. On June 22nd, the Village Board will again review the fiscal implications the virus has taken on us thus far as well as review whether or not to extend the emergency declaration that was adopted in March and is set to expire on July 1st.
- Public Safety Center – Preparations for a new Public Safety Center remain under within Phase 1 of the project. The first phase of the project is planning based working with Fire/Rescue, Municipal Court, and Police regarding space needs into the future and how those translate to how a building can be developed on the intended site. Thus far we have had three meetings with the architect through teleconferences focusing on talking about space needs for all three intended users. These discussions will transition to layouts as the planning process evolves. The second phase of the project would entail design but this portion of the project does not comment until the Village Board has accepted the plan prepared within the first phase. It is anticipated that the final draft of the desired plan will be complete later this Summer or early this Fall.

Upcoming Schedule

Please note the following schedule of upcoming meetings:

- June 15th at 7:00 pm – Plan Commission
 - June 16th at 6:00 pm – Public Utilities Committee
 - June 18th at 6:30 pm – Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee
 - June 22nd at 7:00 pm – Village Board
 - June 23rd at 6:00 pm – Communications and Technology Committee
 - June 24th at 6:30 pm – Finance Committee
 - June 29th at 6:00 pm – Village Board Retreat
 - June 30th at 6:00 pm – Village Board Retreat
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