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SPECIAL MEETING

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 308 E. STADIUM DRIVE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019 8:00 A.M.

- 1. Meeting called to order Kelly Stultz.
- 2. Election of Officers.
- Roll Call.
- 4. Set Meeting Agenda.
- 5. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting on August 9, 2019.
- 6. Financial Report.
- 7. Old Business Update on Projects
- 8. New Business:
 - A. Project Proposals from Commission members.

Christy Hensley

- B. Project Proposals from Staff.
 - (1) Kelly Stultz
 - (2) Mike Dougherty
 - (3) Johnny Farmer
 - (4) Cindy Adams
 - (5) Randy Hunt
- C. Need recommendations for Commission Members to replace Dana Weston and Cindy Corcoran
- D. Next meetings are: Friday, February 7, 2020, and

Friday, May 1, 2020.

- 9. Items from Staff:
- 10. Items from the Commission:
- 11. Adjournment.

We need to establish that a quorum will be present:

PLEASE ADVISE THE PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY

OF YOUR PLANS FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING

336-623-2110 OPTION 2 or reply to the email

EDEN STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMISSION August 9, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eden Strategic Planning Commission was held on Friday, August 9, 2019, at 8:00 A.M. in the conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Dana Weston

JeSie Morris
Edgar Robertson
Christy Hensley
Sarah G. Heston
Angela Fowler
Houston Barrow
Gerri Hunt
Merinda Easley
John LeSueur

Members absent: Ed Wilson

Cindy Corcoran

Staff Present: Brad Corcoran, City Manager

Jim Burnette, Councilman

Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks & Recreation

Cindy Adams, Coordinator of Tourism & Special Events Debra M. Madison, Local Codes Administrator/GIS Analyst

Paul Dishmon, Director of Municipal Services

1. Meeting Called To Order

Dana Weston called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Debra Madison made a record of everyone in attendance and established a quorum.

3. Set Meeting Agenda

The Agenda was set as distributed to the Commission members.

4. Minutes

Merinda Easley made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 3, 2019, as distributed. Angela Fowler seconded the motion and it passed.

5. Financial Report

Dana Weston that the City Council had approved \$300,000.00 for the 2019-2010 fiscal year. She reminded the Commission members that \$47,500.00 for downtown revitalization was carried over from the previous fiscal year. Kelly Stultz reviewed the Financial Report that was sent to the Commission members with their agenda package.

6. Annual Report for Year 2 and Report for Year 3 and Beyond

Kelly gave a brief overview of the two reports that were included in the agenda package and asked if there were any questions about the reports.

The PowerPoint presentation that was presented in support the Old Business and New Business is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference.

7. Old Business

- A. Johnny Farmer provided updates on the resurfacing of the walking tracks at Bridge Street and Mill Avenue Recreation facilities and the resurfacing of the Bridge Street tennis courts. Johnny also gave an update on the Splash Pad at Freedom Park and answered questions about the differences between flow through systems and recycling water systems.
- B. Mike Dougherty gave updates on the former SGRTex facility being purchased by a national company, the Mega Park infrastructure projects, and commercial businesses that have recently opened or plan to open soon.
- C. Cindy Adams provided information and shared the video currently being viewed on the "Our State" web site. She also gave updates on the Matrimony Creek Nature Trail amenities, the Smith River Greenway Sunflower Field, the new wire animal art pieces, the Karastan Mosaic, the Tourism brochure, the Spring Grown & Gathered event, the Explore Eden Facebook post boosting results.
- D. Mike Dougherty reported to the members that the new meadery and tapis bar "The Bee Hive" at 622 Washington Street and Mitchell's Discount Drugs at 544 Morgan Road had received façade grants.

8. New Business

A. Project Proposals from Commission Members:

Angela Fowler stated that Eden needs an Event Center and suggested the following possibilities: (1) Eden Ballroom which is closing could be renovated; (2) Peebles is being converted to a facility for parties; (3) the Lidl building is

36,000 square feet and sits on 3.5 acres; or (4) build an addition on to an existing building instead of building something new.

Dana Weston asked if the City had discussed an event center and that they were asking \$3.3 million for the Lidl building. Kelly said yes it had been discussed but there were funding questions.

Mike said he had talked to the new of the Peebles to determine if he is open to renting the building for events. The events don't pay for themselves.

B. Project Proposals from Staff:

Kelly Stultz – requested \$6,500.00 to remove the concrete island at the intersection of West Meadow Road and West Stadium Drive and add plantings. She answered questions about the type of plants that would be used and how they would be maintained. The \$6,500.00 would include an irrigation system and hose bib. It does not include staff time.

Kelly Stultz – requested \$19,000.00 to replace the historic signs in areas that had been designated as Historic districts. Commission members asked about the age of the existing signs, the style of the signs and if the signs would fit in with the branding study that had been done. They also asked if they could preview the signs before they were installed.

Mike Dougherty – requested \$27,000.00 for the Dan River Nature Trail. He reminded members that this had been considered last year but had been delayed due to damage caused by Tropical Storm Michael. He told the commission that staff members, Paul Dishmon and Darrell Tilley, had told him that they could handle this trail and it would help Karastan.

Mike Dougherty – requested \$20,000.00 for the Entrepreneurship program that Randy Hunt was working on with Rockingham Community College and Rockingham County Economic Development staff. The requested funds would cover the costs of instructors and the initial SCORE chapter costs.

Cindy Adams – requested \$15,000.00 to upgrade the tourism web site. This would be a one-time request and the monthly maintenance fee of \$300 would be paid by the Eden Tourism Development Department budget.

Cindy Adams – requested \$1,860.00 for story boards to be installed at City Hall. They would consist of four acrylic panels installed on the City Hall walls.

Cindy Adams – requested \$5,000.00 for the Spring 2020 Grown and Gathered Event.

Mike Dougherty – requested \$12,500.00 for a bronze otter sculpture to be placed in the Spray traffic circle. He explained that he would have to get permission from NC DOT before it was installed. Dan River Basin Association wants to have an otter habitat in the Smith River and is trying to get a grant from Duke Energy. There was

much discussion about how the community would feel about the sculpture and what would happen if the grant did not come through from Duke Energy.

Cindy Adams – requested \$9,000.00 for Butterfly Art along the Smith River Greenway.

Dana provided a summary of the requests for funds. Kelly withdrew her request for funds for the historic signs until more information could be brought back to the commission.

JeSie Morris made a motion to fund the remaining projects for a total of \$96,860.00. Merinda Easley seconded the motion and it passed.

Jim Burnette asked about the status of the mural on Washington Street. Mike reported that the existing mural should come down next week and moved to the County. Repairs would need to be made to the building before the new mural could be installed.

9. Items from Staff

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2019.

10. Items from the Commission

None

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

adjourned.	Respectfully submitted,
Attest:	Kelly K. Stultz, Administrative Assistant to the Strategic Planning Commission

	STRATEGIC PLANNING	COMMISSION	
	2019 - 2010 Financia	al Report	
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	August 9, 2019		
	Meadow Road/Stadium Drive Island	6,500.00	
	Dan River Nature Trail	27,000.00	
	Entrepreneurship Program	20,000.00	
	Upgrade Tourism web site	15,000.00	
	Story Boards for City Hall	1,860.00	
	Spring Grown & Gathered	5,000.00	
	Bronze Otter Sculpture	12,500.00	
	Butterfly Art Along Smith River Greenway	9,000.00	
TOTAL			00.000.00
TOTAL			96,860.00
BALANC	E OF STRATEGIC PLAN FUNDS		250,640.00
	Designated for Downtown Revitalization		(47,500.00)
BALANCE OF STRATEGIC PLAN FUNDS AVAILABLE		203,140.00	

Strategic Plan Projects to Date by Strategy Set and Number

Recreation

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Rec-1	Dog Park
Rec-2	Trail Amenity Package
Rec-2	Matrimony Creek Greenway
Rec-2	Trail Mileage Markers
Rec-2	Smith River Greenway Sunflowers
Rec-2	Leaksville Landing Parking Lot Paving
Rec-3	Bridge Street and Mill Avenue Walking Tracts
Rec-2	Dan River Nature Trail
Rec-2	Smith River Butterfly Trail
Rec-3	Spring Grown and Gathered
<u>Downt</u>	cown Revitalization
DT-1	Creation of the Main Street Manager Position
DT-1	Four buildings under renovation; one under contract
DT-2	Fieldcrest Road Public Space
DT-3	Bridge Street Parking Lot and Sign
DT-3	Downtown Revitalization Projects / Development Incentives
DT-2	Branding Study
DT-2	Downtown Promotional Rack Cards
DT-2	Story Boards
<u>Econo</u> ı	mic Vitality
EV-1	Wire Sculptures as Public Art
EV-1	Otter Sculpture Traffic Circle
EV-1	Karastan Mosaic
EV-2	Entrepreneurship Classes
EV-2	Gildan Yarns New commercial projects: Planet Fitness, Zip's Car Wash, Ample Storage, new Dollar General Reynolds Brewery

- EV-5 Water line extension project to Mega Park
 Collaborative efforts with VDOT and NCDOT on highway improvements to benefit Mega Park
 EPA Administrative Order remediation work-on-going
- EV-7 Meadow Road and Stadium Traffic Island Landscaping
- EV-7 Washington Street Mural

Engage Citizens

- EC-4 Text Messaging
- EC-4 Did You Know
- EC-4 Star News
- EC-4 Downtown Promotional Rack Cards
- EC-4 Our State Magazine
- EC-4 Boost Social Marketing
- EC-4 Marketing Brochures
- EC-4 Explore Eden Website Upgrade



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DEPARTMENT: MORE	HEAD HIGH SCHOOL
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The water fountains in the main building were installed in 1952 with additional classroom and auditorium unit installations in 1960, a library water fountain added in 1968, a gymnasium unit in 1981, and a cafeteria one in 1991. There are currently 12 water fountains throughout the buildings on campus. The water fountains are declining in condition with many falling into disrepair, with some of them not appropriate for water consumption.

According to the Delta Dental Foundation (2019),

"Since children spend the majority of their day at school exerting themselves both in the classroom and on the playground, having access to drinking water is a necessity. Water not only provides a healthy alternative to sugary drinks like soda pop, sports drinks, and juice boxes, but it plays a starring role in combating obesity and boosting cognitive development and energy levels. With the addition of fluoride, water can also aide in the prevention of cavities".

Morehead High School is seeking to update the water fountains throughout the school to provide clean and safe drinking water for all students. Over 53% of the students attending MHS qualify for free or reduced meals. Students must have access to clean water throughout the school day in order to perform academically. By adding in new Delta Dental water fountains, MHS will ensure students as well as staff have access to clean, healthy water.

References

Water's Cool at School: Delta Dental of North Carolina. (n.d.). Retrieved from https://northcarolina.deltadental.com/en/giving-back/water-s-cool-at-school.html.



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(1)	APPLICANT	INFORMATION:
NAME	: City of Eden	Planning Board
DEPA	RTMENT:	Planning and Inspections Department
(2)	APPLICABL	E STRATEGY AREA OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN:
	Neighborhoo	od Development NH-2

Create and adopt a Unified Development Ordinance and Comply with New State Statutes that take effect January 1, 2021.

Over the past 30 years, the standard in format for land use regulations across our country has been the adoption of a **Unified Development Ordinance**. Such an ordinance weaves together zoning, subdivision, water supply watershed and flood damage prevention ordinances into one legal document. Thereby ensuring that the land development codes thoroughly implement our Land Use Plan. The Unified Development Ordinance reflects the way modern development occurs, eliminating distinctions between subdivision and zoning that are often arbitrary. For example, in our current Zoning Ordinance you can build a house on an unopened street so long as it is dedicated to the public. Our Subdivision Ordinance does not allow this practice.

In the 1980's, the Eden City Council began to recognize that its land development ordinances - Zoning, Subdivision and Flood Damage Prevention, were 20 years old and needed to be updated. The first step in that process was decided to be the creation of a new staff position of Planning Director. That person's first Council meeting was in February 1989.

Upon the recommendation of that Planning Director, a committee was created consisting of Valerie Eggleston, Tommy Flynt, Martha Holland, Phil Hunnicutt, Bob Long, Joe Maddrey and Kenan Wright. This committee was charged with making recommendations to the Council for the revision of the City's land use ordinances. The recommendations are eerily true nearly 30 years later. The following is a list of the recommendations that came from this committee:

- 1. There is an inadequate amount of land available to promote a diversity of housing types.
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- 3. There are poor land development patterns in some areas.
- 4. There are residential and commercial properties that do not have a pleasing community appearance and that lack proper maintenance which may eventually lead to public health and safety concerns.
- 5. There are opportunities for land use and development in Eden that are either constrained or not fully recognized.
- 6. There is an insufficient development approval system and an overall inability of the public and land development sectors.
- 7. Economic Industrial Development.
- 8. Transportation.
- 9. Water/Sewer Services.
- 10. Historic Preservation.
- 11. Downtown Areas.
- 12. Open Space and Recreation.
- 13. Environment.

- 14. Community Appearance.
- 15. Land Development.
- 16. Planning and Development Coordination.

A copy of an article from the "Eden Daily News" on September 15, 1989 is attached and gives more detail on the items above. Three years, thousands of hours and many meetings later a final certified copy of a new Land Use and Development Ordinance was submitted to the City Council by the Planning Board on April 12, 1993.

On July 14, 1993, the headline in the local paper said "Council Kills Zoning Plan". The accompanying article said "It took Eden City Council members less than 20 minutes Tuesday night to end three years of work on the proposed zoning and land use for the area." It was a 4-3 split decision. Fewer than 10 property owners, out of the 8,000 letters we sent, came out to a public hearing to object to provisions in the proposal and only 1 of them was concerned about their map designation.

Since July of 1993, the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance has been amended more than **100** times. Many of the changes that were recommended in the LUDO have been included in our current regulations. However, our land use ordinances are now more than 50 years old and more than 26 years have passed. Our 1977 Land Use Plan was updated in 2007. It too needs to be updated and revised.

As a planner for the City of Eden, I believe as strongly today as I did in 1993, that we owe it to our community to adopt concise and appropriate land use regulations. I believe that it is imperative that we begin the process immediately. I have considered trying to do this work with my current staff and I have come to believe that we cannot take on all of this work and keep up with our other duties.

The "modernization" and amendments to the planning statutes that take effect on January 1, 2021, creates a greater need for our **52 year old regulations** to be updated. Most jurisdictions hire a consultant to come in and take on the tasks necessary to bring such changes to fruition. With the statutory change deadlines and with the amount of work and time involved, I am recommending that we hire a consultant. This still will mean a huge amount of staff time during the process.

I am asking that the Strategic Planning Commission to fund the drafting and adoption process of a Unified Development Ordinance that is in compliance with North Carolina Statues.

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Applicant's Signature 10 24 2019 Date of Signature
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The Eden Otter Holt Habitat Project

Summary

The Eden Otter Holt Habitat Project is anticipated to be the first of its kind in the United States. The Otter Holt is will have many benefits to the City of Eden, but first and foremost, it will be a tourist attraction supporting economic development. It will also be an opportunity for environmental education and water quality indication.

Proposed to be constructed along the banks of the Smith Rivernear the Island Ford Access ramp, the carefully planned and constructed artificial holt will provide a safe breeding area and encourage otters to colonize stretches of waterway that are suitable with adequate food but lacking in shelter. In addition, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources will use this site to re-home rehabilitated river otters that have been injured and/or experienced habitat loss .The section of the Smith River along the Eden Greenway is a suitable waterway with ample food supply and teaming with a variety of wildlife, but lacking in desirable structures that provide homes for otters.

The City of Eden's mascot is the river otter and this project maximizes efforts to promote the "Small Town, Big Outdoors" branding effort and the river otter statues proposed for the Spray traffic circle.

Funding

The City of Eden has been successful in acquiring a \$9,454.00 grant from the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund to implement this project. Additional matching funds of **\$7356.00** is needed complete the project.

The Eden Otter Holt Habitat ProjectBudget

Description

Cost

Total Expenses	\$16,800.00
Webcam purchase and installation, includes web presence link	\$1,500.00
Promotion	\$500.00
Signage Design & Printing	\$1,800.00
Purchased labor	\$1,000.00
Materials	\$5,500.00
Design & Site Preparation for Holt	\$6,500.00

Materials Detail

- ~ 100 ft 12- 16" storm drain type (concrete or terracotta) Exact length to be determined. Pipe is used as runway entrance and exit to holt.
- Brick, concrete block and 6x6 rough cut timbers for framing holt
- 4 4x8 sheets marine plywood for roof of holt (may substitute concrete slabs)
- 64 square feet Roofing tin to cover marine plywood for holt roof
- Rebar and straps for securing concrete pipe runs
- Split rail fence and 1x2 welded wired to encompass public side of holt
- Signage to be constructed along the trail near the site
- Wi-Fi camera set up for remote viewing

More information

The site will be prepped by digging a 64 sq ft square x 4 feet deep hole. Framing and Wi-Fi camera installed, roof constructedand site is backfilled. Two chase-ways are dug from holt to river that will contain the sections of Concrete pipe for ingress and egress. These pipes are backfilled the entire site will be covered and trees planted around site. Volunteers or the City of Eden can dig the holt footer and pipe raceways but it is recommended a small back- hoe be used for the rough dig and volunteers will dree up the dig and help construct the holt. A rock headwall will be built at pipe entrances at the rivers edge to conform with the natural setting. Split rail or other fencing would be installed to border off limits to the public area near holt. Cameras would be installed inside and outside the holt with cable feed to solar panel and WIFI. Remote viewing accomplished through web page on City of Eden website.

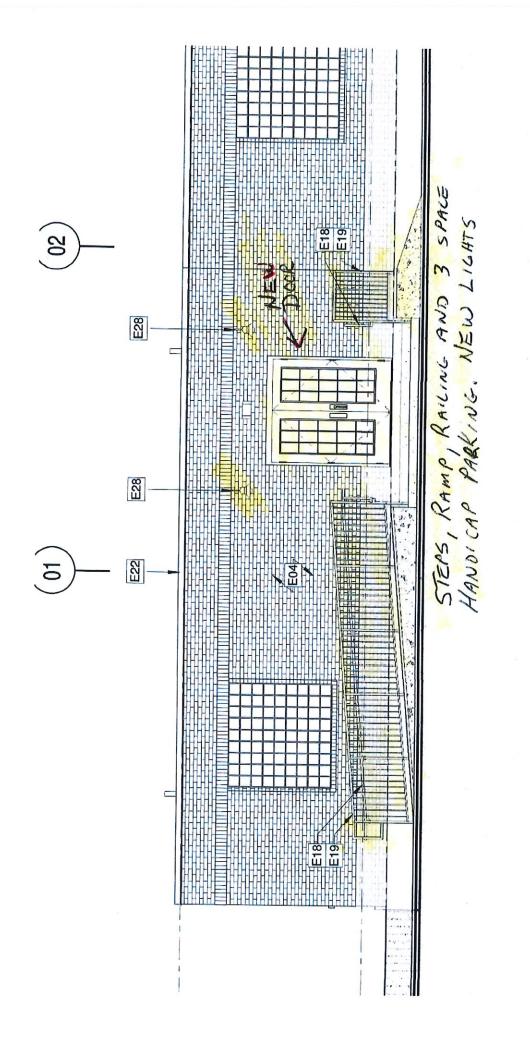


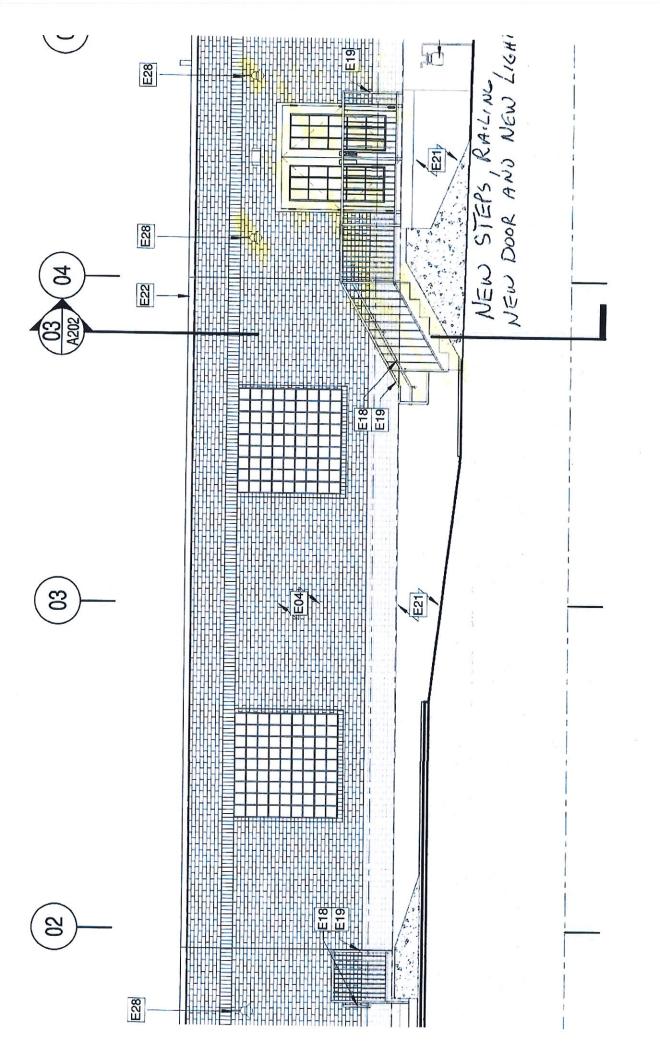
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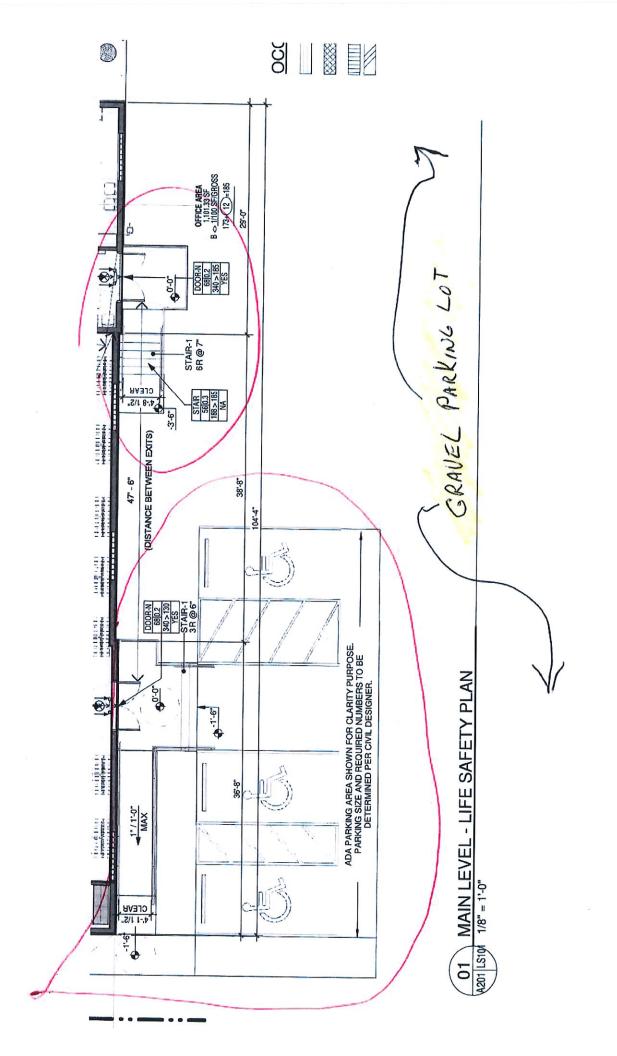
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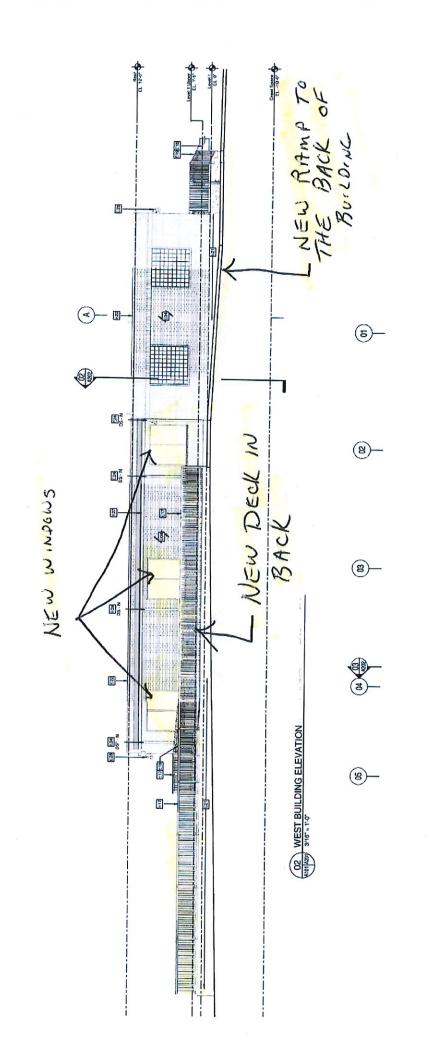
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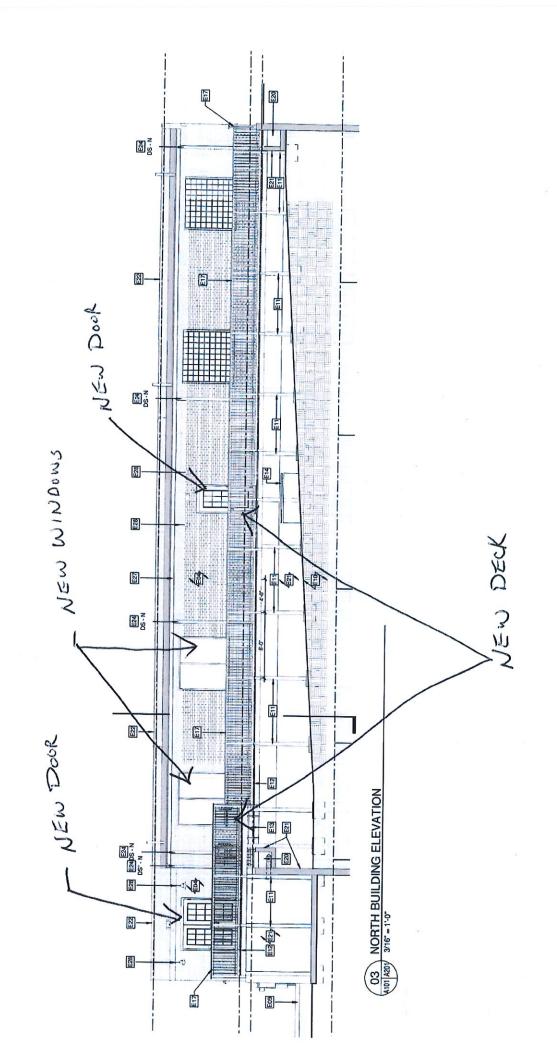
Total Estimate :	\$65,350.00
Painting	\$450.00
Lighting	\$600.00
Grading and gravel parking lot and landscaping	\$6,000.00
Front entry parking,ramp,steps for both entry's and walkway to back	\$20,000.00
New back deck (From event to back East corner)	
Four new doors (3ea. Double, 1ea. Single)	\$2,500.00 \$25,000.00
Six new windows	\$10,800.00













Economic Development Department

October 16, 2019

To: The Honorable Mayor and Eden City Council

Thru: Terry Shelton, Eden City Manager

From: Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development

Re: Façade grant for Historic and At-Risk properties

Background

During the last several years, the City of Eden has been faced with the disposition of neglected residential and commercial properties. 241 The Boulevard was stabilized by the City at a cost of over \$100,000. Less than \$15,000 was recovered upon the property sale. 622 Washington Street is an example of a property that was partially demolished with the owner unwilling or unable to rehabilitate the structure. The City was fortunate to obtain a state grant to help stabilize the property before it was sold to a private owner. These grants are not common; the City could have easily been faced with more than \$100,000 in rehabilitation costs to rehabilitate the structure as it was for 241 The Boulevard.

The purpose of the expanded façade grant program is to encourage investment in historic and at risk properties so Eden taxpayers are not forced to absorb the rehabilitation costs created by negligent property owners. As with the traditional façade grant, a 50/50 cash match is required by the grantee. It is best considered an investment that will spur economic development as well as prevent further property deterioration.

Program

\$2,500 to \$20,000 in façade grant funding is available for properties considered for historic and at risk. These properties must also have a viable purpose and serve as a catalyst for future economic development.

Examples of successful projects

618 Washington Street

\$7,500

\$2,500 for front exterior deterioration that threatened the adjoining property. \$5,000 for rear façade that had been partially demolished

This property will house a coffee shop and apartments

624 Washington Street

\$10,000

Front façade is equivalent to two storefronts. Extensive work required to restore both front and rear facades. Rear façade was failing and in jeopardy of demolition.

This property will house a restaurant and apartments

Proposed

Reynolds Brewing

\$20,000

\$10,000 for front and rear. Building size is equivalent in size to two traditional downtown buildings

This property will house a microbrewery and food outlet. It adds to the Smith River Greenway Complex and will be a source of special events in this area.

These projects are evaluated on an individual basis by City staff before seeking Eden Strategic Planning Commission funding. Projects can only be considered if there are available funds and the Commission votes in favor of the project funding. The final step is for the Eden City Council to review the project proposal and either approve or reject what the Commission has recommended.

It is recommended that the Eden City Council approve this Historic and At-Risk property façade grant to promote the rehabilitation of Eden properties.



Economic Development Department

October 18, 2019

To: Kelly Stultz

From: Randy Hunt

Re: Strategic Planning Commission Update

Goal of the 4 events is to educate citizens on business resources and opportunities to generate revenue and employee growth for themselves and their community.

Events will:

- 1. Bring in other successful small business owners and entrepreneurs to brief on their own experiences and processes that lead them to be successful.
- 2. Bring in business experts to talk about core business concepts critical to having a successful small business (SBC, SBTDC, and Score)
- 3. ED representatives, City officials, policymakers to be present with bringing resources and good will to the doorstep of the community...
- 4. Who Owns the Ice House Program --- bring in expert to talk about the soft skills that can lead to entrepreneur success.... a. personal brand, negotiating skills, taking action at the right time, continuous learning mindset, being the presence of other like-minded, network capacity....

End result will generate a group of hopeful entrepreneurs for Eden to develop and continue to build small business capacity and economic development.