

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Policy Committee
From: Renae Clark, MCWD Planner / Project Manager
CC: James Wisker, MCWD Director of Planning
Date: January 19, 2016
Re: Wayzata Lake Effect: Signature Project Planning Update

Purpose:

Staff will provide an update on the planning, present proposed alternatives and schedule for the Wayzata Lake Effect Signature Project for downtown Wayzata.

Background:

In 2013 the City of Wayzata conducted a community engagement process to gather input on the lakefront and potential improvements and opportunities for redevelopment of the downtown area. Based on the input received from public and private citizens a final Framework Report was adopted by the Council which identified priorities and initiatives. In 2015 the City began development of what is referred to as the “Signature Project” which focuses on the downtown area between the former “Section Foreman House” to the east and Wayzata beach area to the west. The overarching project goals are to connect activity nodes along the lakeshore, create a “lake way” that connects both sides of Lake Street and connects people to the front, and optimize the recreational benefit. Three project alternatives have been developed and are being refined throughout the planning process. Staff will provide an overview of the alternatives and feedback provided.

Next Steps:

The City will host committee meetings on January 26 and February 23 while refining the schematic design for the Lake Effect Signature Project.