

- In attendance:
 - Herb Goldsmith
 - John Koslowski
 - Dan Hays Clark
 - Bill Peterson

- Mike Talbot, City Manager, stated there were additional funds that would be available if the Task Force desired Gateway Planning's continued assistance.

- The Task Force discussed the results from the North Area Town Hall Meeting SWOT Analysis. Based on its findings they agreed upon the following:
 - Form Based Code would be appropriate for the infill lots in the North Area, but that would be more of the long term solution.
 - Some of the drainage issues in the North Area could potentially be resolved having the detention pond at Jewel Hodges Park cleaned out.
 - The City would be placing a new bus shelter in the North Area in the next few weeks to show a responsive effort towards the North Area.

- The following recommendations/ideas were stated:
 - The potential of having Carts or BISD sponsor some of these bus shelters, or split the cost so perhaps there could be additional bus shelters added to the central city area.
 - Would be necessary to come up with a placement strategy if more bus shelters were to be implemented: placed at school zone areas? Placed in the areas that have the most usage? Etc.
 - The City Manager stated he would be calling Dave Marsh, the Carts Director, to discuss exploring funding options for the additional bus shelters.
 - It was also suggested that it would be beneficial to have the bus route pamphlets put into the utility bills once a year.

- In regards to the street light concern that was brought up multiple times in the North Area Town Hall Meeting, the City Manager stated he had the Police Department create a list of areas that need to have lights placed there, and has given the list to Bastrop Power and Light so they could begin to create a lighting schedule for these areas.

- The Task Force and City Manager discussed the flooding issues in the North Area and determined one of the immediate things they could do, to respond to the problem, was have some of the Public Works Department personnel start doing an inventory/ cleaning effort of the drainage ditches on Hill Street, Pecan Street, and Short Jefferson.

- The Task Force and City Manager also discussed the sidewalks request, the City Manager did state that is a city wide need. They discussed possibilities of putting a program in place where portions of sidewalk could be addressed throughout the year, so it helps balance costs, and allows for there to be continued sidewalk improvements throughout the city.

- The focal point for the immediate solutions for the North Area, would be a concerted effort to begin improving and revamping Jewel Hodges Park, to create a sense of place and a community oriented area for the people in the North Area.
 - The City Manager stated he would be speaking with the Public Works Director to see where that park was on the Parks Improvement List, and would see this park is made a priority.

- The Task Force discussed the letter by Gateway Planning, they made the following recommendations on the letter:
 - Remove the “Hill Park Village” and “Cottage Community” examples from the letter and replace it with something more general.
 - Remove the “community center” aspect from the letter.
 - Make the font and coloring for the word diagrams not as feminine.
 - Include infill maps.
 - Include an updated CIP list.
 - Remove the Bastrop’s North Area Community Concerns portion from the actual letter and include it as an attachment.
 - Make sure the letter is consistent with the direction from the City Manager.
 - Separate the recommendations portion of the letter into short term and long term recommendations, with desired completion times for the short and long term goals.
 - List the CIP portion of the Comprehensive Plan and a tax increment finance district for the North Area as part of the potential solutions for the public investment strategy.

- The City Manager and Task Force agreed at the next meeting they would begin to select areas that would be appropriate to receive funding from the Tax Increment Finance District.

- Adjourned: 7:45 pm