

Utility Project Update Davis stated the map demonstrates potential phases of development, road reconstruction and utilities on Central Avenue; 3 intersection improvements over the 1.5 years; and the Viking Preserve project, scheduled to commence in fall 2017 or spring 2018.

Ronning asked whether the Viking Preserve development would involve land acquisition from the golf course. Davis stated there have been several inquiries about the 64 acres owned by the golf course. He added there are a lot of wetlands, but still some developable property, especially with the ease of water and sewer service.

Ronning asked how many service road connections there will be. Davis stated hopefully the Central Avenue semi-service road will be started soon, and another section in 2019 or 2020. He added it is possible that there will be 3-4 new service roads in this utility service area within 3-4 years.

Voss asked whether a ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for the service road. He added the service road represents safety, access and growth and development. Mundle agreed. Vierling stated it is appropriate for such a significant road within the Community.

Davis stated it would be positive publicity. Mundle stated it could be placed in the local paper.

Davis stated the Chamber of Commerce breakfast business meeting will be held October 12, 2017. He added he could bring this up with them. Voss agreed, adding they may want to be involved.

5.0 2018 HRA Projects

Davis stated the HRA has requested potential work items or projects for 2018. City Staff recommends the following:

- A housing market study that would focus primarily on senior housing, and
- A program that would address commercially blighted areas in the City

Davis stated a housing market study could be a valuable tool in the City's efforts to attract developers. He added City Staff will prepare a review of this recommendation at the January 2018 HRA meeting.

Ronning asked whether the senior housing complex next to the apartments on Highway 65 would be a second senior housing facility. Davis confirmed this, adding they are proposing an assisted living facility.

Voss stated public demand in the past has tended toward independent living, or apartments. He added a housing market study is a worthwhile project.

Davis stated Anoka County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides funding to eliminate blight and deterioration in properties in the City. These types of projects require the participation of property owners, but could be a means to address some of the properties along Highway 65. Staff would need to meet with affected property owners within the next 3 months to determine if there is interest in this proposal. This is a project that would be developed in 2018 but the grant application would be submitted in 2019.

5.0 2018 HRA Projects

Davis stated there may be some interest in pursuing easements among property owners along Central Avenue.

Voss asked when CDBG funds were last used by the City of East Bethel. Davis stated a grant was received three years ago for septic system improvements at Coon Lake Beach.

Voss stated he believes it is worthwhile, as it makes a significant impact with minimal investment.

Davis stated City Staff will get packets together for presentation to business owners to gauge their interest in the program.

Voss asked whether this should be discussed at the City Council meeting next week. Davis agreed, adding Ms. Winter can include it in her presentation.

**6.0
Member
Reports**

None.

7.0 Adjourn

Plaisance stated I'll make a motion to adjourn. Harrington stated I'll second. Mundle asked any discussion? All in favor? **All in favor.** Mundle asked opposed? Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50_ p.m.

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