



Planning and Economic Development

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From: Sara Roediger
To: Planning Commission
Date: 9/12/2019
Re: Auburn Rd. Plaza

At the August 20, 2019 meeting, the Planning Commission postponed the decision on the Auburn Rd. plaza in order to finalize the plans as they relate to the water drainage from the splash pad. Since that meeting City staff from Planning, Engineering, Parks and the Mayor's office have met with OHM, the City's consultants, to evaluate the options for drainage for the splash pad including a flow through system that discharges into the sanitary sewer, a flow through system that discharges into the storm sewer, and a recirculating system. After extensive study considering a number of factors including initial project capital costs, operational costs, and labor demands it was unanimously agreed by all parties that a flow through system that discharges into the storm sewer as depicted on the plans is the best option in this instance. This is consistent with the contract with lafrate that was approved by City Council on August 12, 2019. lafrate is currently working on a package to go out to bid to select a vendor to construct the splash pad in early 2020. Preliminary construction of the plaza, including earthwork and underground utilities is scheduled to begin in October.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions regarding the plaza.