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## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Rachel Tomas Morgan, Kaine Kanczuzewski,  
Thomas Kurzhal

Committee Members Absent: Eli Wax, Henry Davis Jr.

Others Present: Dawn Jones

Presenters: Tim Corcoran

Agenda: Bill No. 22-43 – Resolution Approving and  
Adopting the Kennedy Park Neighborhood Plan

Members marked with an asterisk (\*) are present digitally

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=357732>

Committee Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan called to order the Community Investment Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m.

### **Bill No. 22-43 – Resolution Approving and Adopting the Kennedy Park Neighborhood Plan**

Tim Corcoran, the South Bend Director of Planning, with offices on the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) floor of the County-City building, noted that the neighborhood plan creates a plan for the next five (5) to twenty (20) years. It provides a statement of what the neighborhood would like to achieve, creating a guide for city departments to make decisions. Most neighborhoods have similar issues to address such as traffic-calming measures. Neighborhood plans allow for small-scale changes on these issues. There was an extensive neighborhood engagement plan. There were stakeholder meetings. There was an online engagement plan, especially needed due to COVID-19. There was a priority workshop that outlined long- and short-term priorities. Linden Avenue and Johnson Avenue were identified as areas of improvement. Consistent lighting, repairs of curbs and sidewalks, etc. were issues. There is now a draft plan, which was presented to the public for feedback. This was connected into the overarching principles of South Bend such as urban focus, ensuring it is walkable and accessible, attractive, healthy, such as pollution-free and having access to fresh food, equitable, and sustainable. All of these ideas have been mapped into the neighborhood. The MLK Center will be at Linden Avenue, allowing for more engagement in the neighborhood. The public market will respond to the City's investment in the area. The neighborhood requested that Kennedy Park be reimagined, bringing back the pool that was removed in the 1990s. This needs to be considered in the broader strategy. Circle Avenue needs to be addressed, as it is a confusing area, especially at night and for those outside of the neighborhood. A pilot housing program was

requested in this area. It is important to have mixed housing in the area. Zoning is a consideration. New construction is being considered in the overall area. There is an accountability plan for this project, to ensure that nothing is missed.

Council member White noted that she appreciates this plan. The Department of Community Investment has identified this neighborhood for improvement.

Committee Chair Tomas Morgan held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

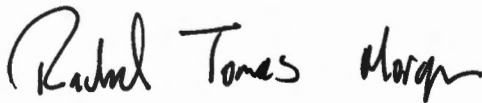
President McBride noted that she is excited about the plan and supportive of it.

Citizen member Kanczuzewski motioned to send Bill No. 22-43 to full council with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Citizen member Kurzhal, and carried by a vote of three (3) ayes.

Committee Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan - <i>Aye</i>	Citizen Member Thomas Kurzhal - <i>Aye</i>
Citizen Member Kaine Kanczuzewski - <i>Aye</i>	Committee Member Eli Wax - <i>Absent</i>
Committee Member Henry Davis Jr. - <i>Absent</i>	

With no further business, Committee Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan adjourned the Community Investment Committee meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rachel Tomas Morgan, Committee Chair

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