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Local Comprehensive Plan Updates

SEIRPC is excited to announce that the Mount Pleasant Comprehensive Plan update has been completed, with the new Plan formally adopted by the City of Mount Pleasant!

SEIRPC would like to thank all the individuals in Mount Pleasant who volunteered their time to help us prepare this critical plan. This includes city staff, representatives of various local civic and non-profit organizations, the Healthy Henry County Communities group, numerous individuals in the private sector, and of course the more than 300 local citizens who took the time to complete our public survey, as part of the Comprehensive Plan project.

We'd also like to acknowledge the significant amount of time and effort committed to this project by Emery Ellingson who served for the past two years as a Regional Planner at SEIRPC. Emery recently relocated back to his home state of Wisconsin.

The final Mount Pleasant Comprehensive Plan can be found on the SEIRPC website or www.mp2030.com.



Local Comprehensive Plan Updates (cont'd)

While it's nice to have the Mount Pleasant Comprehensive Plan effort behind us, our staff planners aren't quite ready to take a break just yet, as work continues on an update to the Keokuk Comprehensive Plan!

Staff has held two meetings with a local Steering Committee, created to help guide us through the process, and provide valuable insight as we prepare and outline the final document. We are also administering a public survey, which has received over 440 responses already. The website, <http://www.mykeokuk.com/>, has been set up to provide the public with updates on the process, as well as samples of data and information that has been gathered.

If you live and/or work in Keokuk, and you have anything you'd like to contribute to the discussion, feel free to contact Zach James, at (319) 753-4313, or Jarred Lassiter, at (319) 753-4321.



Elks Building Comes Out of its Rut



If you've spent much time in Downtown Burlington recently, you've probably noticed a flurry of activity going on around the building at the northwest corner of Third and Washington Streets. Most recently the home of The Typewriter Shop, this 4-story building – officially known as the Elks Building, is going through a major stabilization project, to ensure the structure is safe for development and reoccupation.

After sitting vacant for over a decade, a 2015 inspection revealed that the building was unsafe for occupation, due to a broken roof truss on the fourth floor, which undermines the structural integrity of the entire building. The City then acquired the building and sold it to Downtown Partners, Inc. (DPI), with the knowledge that DPI has plenty of experience facilitating successful redevelopment projects in Downtown Burlington.

Late last year, SEIRPC assisted DPI in submitting several successful grant applications, which ended up securing a combined total of \$112,000 to help finance this major project. First, two Brownfield Redevelopment Grants from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources helped fund asbestos inspection and remediation. Next, the project was awarded \$10,000 HRDP Emergency Grant from the State Historical Society, followed by a much needed \$65,000 Main Street Challenge Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority.



Elks Building (cont'd)

Combined, these grants will fund the most crucial elements of the building's structural stabilization – repairing the two broken or deteriorated roof trusses, and installing a new roof membrane that will protect the building from future rain leakage.



As of late February, the truss repairs have begun, undertaken by Justin Myers Construction. Once this is completed, workers from the Brockway Company will set to work installing the exterior roof improvements. We hope you're as excited as we are to see this much needed project come to fruition, helping save a true gem of Downtown Burlington's architectural and business history!

SEIBUS provides transportation to local health clinics

SEIBUS provides free bus service to Great River Health Systems in West Burlington and to GRHS clinics in Mediapolis and Wapello. This service is only available to residents who live outside Burlington and West Burlington's city limits. Arrangements must be made with the SEIBUS dispatcher at 866-753-5107 the day prior to departure.

CITY	SCHEDULE DAY	DEPARTURE FROM HOME	ARRIVAL IN BURLINGTON	DEPARTURE FROM BURLINGTON	ARRIVAL BACK HOME
Mediapolis	Monday	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:00 PM
	Wednesday	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:00 PM
	Friday	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:00 PM
Louisa County	Call 1-866-753-5107 for bus availability				

SEIBUS also provides free bus service for medical appointments in Henry County. Rides must originate in Henry County and are subject to availability of the schedule listed below. Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Rides are also provided in the cities of Keokuk and Fort Madison within the hours listed below. The fee for these rides, within the city limits, is \$5 for a round trip. Call the SEIBUS dispatcher to set up these rides.

CITY SCHEDULES FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

CITY	SCHEDULE DAY	START TIME	END TIME
Mount Pleasant	Monday	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
	Tuesday	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
	Wednesday	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
	Thursday	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
	Friday	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
Fort Madison	Monday	11:00 AM	3:00 PM
	Wednesday	11:00 AM	3:00 PM
	Friday	11:00 AM	3:00 PM
Keokuk	Monday	11:00 AM	3:00 PM
	Wednesday	11:00 AM	3:00 PM
	Friday	11:00 AM	3:00 PM



SEIBUS medical routes (cont'd)

SEIBUS has a medical shuttle (see pick-up and departure times listed below) that travels to Iowa City hospitals and clinics (University, Mercy, Veterans, Iowa River Landing and more) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week, excluding holidays. Our buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts and are driven by experienced and helpful employees. This medical shuttle can also provide a safe, comfortable, economical way to shop the malls in Iowa City also. Arrangements must be made with the SEIBUS scheduler no later than 2:00pm the day prior to departure. Rides to Cedar Rapids Airport are also available on this shuttle. Riders arrive at the airport at approximately 9:30am. Departure from the airport is at 1:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm on Wednesday. Call Carolyn Lees, SEIBUS scheduler, for more information on this schedule or if you have other questions about SEIBUS at 866-753-5107. Office hours at SEIBUS are 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday.

COUNTY/CITY	PICK UP FROM YOUR HOME		ARRIVE IN IOWA CITY	LEAVE IOWA CITY		ARRIVAL BACK HOME	
	TUESDAY & THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY		TUESDAY & THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY & THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY
						Approximate time	
Keokuk	5:30 - 6:00 AM	5:30 - 6:00 AM	Drop off in Iowa City at 9:00 AM (approximate time)	Depart VA hospital promptly at 2:30 pm	Depart VA hospital promptly at 1:30 pm	5:15 PM	4:15 PM
Fort Madison	6:15 - 6:30 AM	6:15 - 6:30 AM				4:30 PM	3:45 PM
Henry County	7:00 - 7:30 AM	7:15 - 7:30 AM		3:45 PM	2:45 PM		
Des Moines County	6:00 - 6:30 AM	6:30 - 7:00 AM		4:30 PM	3:15 PM		
Louisa County	7:00-7:15 AM	NO SERVICE		3:45 PM	NO SERVICE		



TAP Grants – an Update

This year, the Iowa Department of transportation will be making significant changes to the way in which applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) are reviewed and processed. While applications will still be submitted locally and reviewed by SEIRPC staff and our regional Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), guidelines from the 2013 Federal Transportation bill (known as MAP 21) require that the Iowa Department of Transportation review all TAP applications for eligibility. The information required in the application and the basic criteria for evaluating these applications will largely be the same, but there will be an additional step in the application process. As a result, SEIRPC will submit all of the original applications, along with recommended project scores and rankings to the Iowa DOT for a formal review by their staff. In addition, every TAP application submitted in Iowa will use the same statewide application form prepared by the DOT, instead of each region using its own application, as has been the case in the past.

At the present time, SEIRPC staff is waiting for the DOT to release the new statewide forms. Once the form has been distributed, we will send out a notice to all local governments, letting you know that you can begin submitting applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 projects. Due to the delay created by this change to a statewide review process– we will need to ‘catch up’ with the usual TAP programming timeline, by accepting applications for TWO YEARS worth of projects.

So it’s time for your communities to start generating ideas for potential TAP applications, so we can get plenty of worthy projects programmed for federal funding in 2021 and 2022. New recreational trails, sidewalk/pedestrian improvements, Safe Routes to School projects, and more are all eligible for this grant program.

For more information, please contact Jarred Lassiter at (319) 753-4321.

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