



Council Committee Memorandum

TO: Joint Committee
FROM: Tim Murray, City Administrator
MEETING DATE: April 30, 2019
SUBJECT: 2019 City Council Annual Retreat

Discussion:

The Annual Retreat meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, starting at 1:00pm at The Inn at Shattuck – St. Mary's. The first session of the retreat will be conducted by an outside consultant, Aimee Gourlay, who is the Executive Director of the Mediation Center. The primary goals of the interactive exercise with the Council are as follows:

- *Understand the how and why of conflict and escalation*
- *Be intentional when choosing how to react*
- *Take steps to prevent escalation*
- *Manage escalation when it occurs*

The second, and other main topic of the retreat, is a review and discussion of the numerous boards and commissions to which the Council either appoints community representatives and, in some cases, themselves. Following is a tentative listing of those we intend to cover:

Council-Appointed Boards/Commissions

- Economic Development Authority
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing & Redevelopment Authority
- Planning Commission
- Joint Airport Zoning Board (Council only appoints City reps)
- Children's Fund (FFAC Assistance Program)
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Peter Smith Advisory Board
- Tommy Allen Youth Endowment Fund
- Tree Board
- Library Advisory Board
- Airport Advisory Board
- Charitable Gambling Board
- Charter Commission (Council recommends, District Judge appoints)
- Tourism Commission

**Other Boards/Commissions
(Council-only appts., remainder by others)**

- Main Street Committee
- Alexander Park Committee
- BMX Track Board
- Senior Center Representative
- Ice Arena Board
- Mill Towns Trail Board
- Soccer Complex Board
- Joint Dispatch Board
- Township Fire Contract Committee
- Hiawathaland Transit Advisory Committee
- District One Hospital Appointing Committee
- Faribault House Committee
- Paradise Center for the Arts Board
- River Bend Nature Center

Other topics proposed to be covered include:

- (1) An update from the Library and Communications Director on the revisions to the City website, to include a "Mood Board" review;
- (2) A discussion on transportation system planning with the City Engineer, being done in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan Update, including specific considerations on topics such as interchanges and trail connections/extensions;
- (3) An update from the Public Works Director on the status of the various repairs being made at the municipal airport from the damage caused by the September 20, 2018 tornado, and a discussion of further work to be done; and
- (4) A review of funding for non-profit organizations, and consideration of the development of a more established policy for future funding.

Attachments:
(None)