



**WORK SESSION
RICHFIELD MUNICIPAL CENTER, BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
MARCH 12, 2024
6:15 PM**

Call to order

1. Staff will introduce a concept plan for a plaza "Pillsbury Plaza" located at 65th Street and Pillsbury Avenue.

Adjournment

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3/12/2024

REPORT PREPARED BY: Kristin Asher, Public Works Director

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW: Kristin Asher, Public Works Director
3/5/2024

OTHER DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

CITY MANAGER REVIEW: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager
3/6/2024

ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 65th Street Reconstruction project included the removal of the cul-de-sac at Pillsbury Avenue leaving behind a large area of public right-of-way. Staff have been developing a concept plan for this area, with the help of former co-workers and in conjunction with family members, of former colleague and Richfield Transportation Engineer Jack Broz. As a placeholder, we are calling this area "Pillsbury Plaza".

DIRECTION NEEDED:

Introduce the Pillsbury Plaza concept plan and provide guidance to staff on whether or not to proceed with the plan and which options to pursue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Jack Broz was well known as community builder and design flexibility teacher across the state of Minnesota and beyond. He began his relationship with Richfield in 2007 as the project manager for the 76th Street Reconstruction project. Jack continued to work with the city on many reconstruction projects, including the reconstruction of Portland and Lyndale Avenues as well as 66th Street. The development of the 65th Street Reconstruction project would unfortunately be the last project Jack would lead.

B. EQUITABLE OR STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS OR IMPACTS

Equity: The residents in this area have no public park or gathering space in the immediate vicinity. There is a large amount of multi-family housing in this area and the nearest public spaces require crossing either Nicollet Avenue or the railroad tracks to access. Construction of a public plaza in this otherwise unused space will give area residents a place to gather, recreate and build community.

Strategic: None

C. POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, exc):

None

D. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:

Staff needs direction on whether or not the City Council would like to move forward with some sort of plaza in this area at this meeting in order to keep it on track for 2025 construction.

E. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding scenarios and financial impacts will be discussed at the meeting.

F. LEGAL CONSIDERATION:

None

ALTERNATIVE(S):

None

PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

Marilou Broz