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MOTION

WE MOVE that the City Administration through the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOT) and Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) explore the street closure and conversion to a pedestrian plaza on Epworth Avenue between Harrison Avenue and Montana Avenue in the Westwood neighborhood.


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STATEMENT

With the recent renovation of the Westwood Town Hall Park, the Westwood neighborhood has been energized around the town square and the business district in the vicinity. The area is seeing much more programming and activation that is regularly drawing residents to events on site or nearby businesses like Madcap Education Center, West Side Brewing, Henke Winery and the soon-to-be Nation Kitchen + Bar.

A pedestrian plaza could also lower the cost incurred by community groups when hosting events like Westwood Second Saturday because it would not require them to secure permits to close streets and possibly fewer police officers would need to be detailed to the events. The plaza could also consider removable bollards at the ends of the street that would allow food trucks to be pulled in and parked for events while maintaining access for pedestrians, tents or booths.

Community engagement has already begun by Westwood Works and should continue by DOT and DCED to ensure adequate access to and parking availability for Nation and Henke, as well as traffic patterns for streets that intersect Epworth.

DLM - Calendar

12/13/2022