

**ITEMS FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT
2017-2018**

Proposed IFA List

Updated on 04/11/2017

1. Develop and implement a sidewalk review and repair plan. Review and evaluate the need for new or extended sidewalks within the City limits and prioritize them. Specifically evaluate an extension along East Washington to Century Place Apartments and the Community Center.
2. Improve care of downtown parking lot landscape islands.
3. Develop Plan to renovate Community Center.
4. Install portable AED (heart defibrillator) in City Hall.
5. Foster enhanced relationship with county and state government officials
6. Continue with the process to have an updated charter; review and act upon the charter review committee recommendations
7. Construct and operate a Dog Park.
8. Pursue Rental Rehabilitation Grants for Downtown buildings.
9. Enhance community engagement and communication.
 - a. Use community events and displays at City facilities to inform residents about sustainability
 - b. Add city events to the chamber's community calendar that lists all programs, events, meetings, etc. in one place to promote citizen participation

- c. Create an annual awards program for individual and group sustainability efforts
 - d. Sponsor and encourage community involvement in improving parks and open spaces
 - i. Public space planting
 - ii. Park clean-ups
 - iii. Tree plantings
 - iv. Participation with and expansion of Friends groups.
10. Pursue installation/construction of the 3 dams along the Flat River where proposed.
 11. Evaluate signage throughout the city – remove, repair and replace as needed with safety as the desired outcome.
 12. Increase code enforcement to address blight.
 13. Develop, analyze, and implement “way finding” signage for the Fred Meijer Flat River Trail throughout the City for improved direction to the Trail and Tunnel.
 14. Continue to encourage council members to participate in MML education/graduation
 15. Create a better monitoring system for city maintenance of things that cannot be done by volunteers (Examples: storm water management program, sidewalk repair).
 16. Pursue next round of Façade Grants for Downtown buildings.
 17. Pursue the feasibility of a covered structure in the downtown district for multiple use.

18. Consider partnering with GPS to educate students more regularly on specific aspects of public safety
19. Monitor and upgrade as possible infrastructure for 21st century technologies (web access methods, autonomous vehicles, telecommunication, etc.).
20. Explore a utility ordinance that addresses unsightly and duplicate lines, poles and other unsightly and/or unsafe issues in the City Rights of Way, especially along north M91.
21. Resume or initiate search for assistant city manager
22. Develop a list of questions to formalize the process for selection of open City Council seats.
23. Engage in the process to update the City's Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan.
24. Encourage a green purchasing policy. If people purchase recyclable bags/sacks they could be entitled to a small discount. Bags could be sold by stores offering the discount. – Send Suggestion to Chamber and DDA.
25. Emphasize and prioritize services mandated by the State over non-mandated, non-essential services.
26. Seek acquisition of right-of-way for Franklin Street from Gibson to Charles Street, and Charles Street from Irving to Greenville West Drive.
27. Conduct a City-wide River cleanup if permissible – safety is key.
28. Proceed with grinder pump situation (continue, modify or cease program).

29. Pursue implementation of the City's 5-year Recreation Plan as funds allow.
 - a. Splash Park – Tower Riverside Park: Match grant received, Rotary Funds received, pursuing MNRTF Grant.
 - b. Kayak launch – Jackson's Landing: Match grant received, pursuing MNRTF Grant.
 - c. Skate Park – Vet's Park: Pursuing Grants.
 - d. Portage Walkway under Franklin Street Bridge. (under construction)
30. Look for opportunities to rehabilitate or demolish the old Water Works building.
31. Recommend that the Planning Commission review the concept of creating a development allowing reduced square foot requirements for minimum house sizes.
32. Identify buildings at risk of demolition by neglect in the historical district.
33. Consider alternatives in cooperation with local organizations such as Spectrum Health United and Kelsey Hospitals and MCC to better ascertain transportation needs and related funding needs to the current operation of the Transit system that might include the following ideas:
 - a. Privatization (Uber, etc.)
 - b. Consider a city-wide ballot initiative to fund the Transit Department.
 - c. Make transit tokens more available at businesses such as Meijer, Walmart, banks, convenience stores, etc.

d. Look into expanding transit service to Montcalm Township and Stanton.