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**Subject:** Update

Shaun & Tom,

Gentlemen, since I heard Alderman Wolsky reference me by name this past week, I thought it made sense to give you an update on committee activities as you head into the council meeting next Monday. As I believe you are both aware there has been considerable activity surrounding this effort and personally I have enjoyed recognizing a renewed energy to bring our community together as we address downtown concerns. As I previously stated, I asked the committees (which I will list below) to #1. Gather data, #2. Share information, #3. Provide a solution via a white paper. As those solutions are completed the intent was to deliver to the steering committee (to be named by Mayor Sipma) for their discussion, concern, potential questions back to the underlying committees, etc. Once the steering committee is comfortable with the document then it will be presented to the city council for approval/enactment.

To date the following committees have been charged to move forward:

#1 Vision and Strategic Planning/Technical Team

-Chair Roger Reich

-white paper attached

#2 Parallel committee, Downtown Opportunity Committee formed by Trinity Health and chaired by John Coughlin

-investigate solutions for Trinity's future downtown buildings

#3 One Brand for Downtown

-Chair Brekka Kramer

-awaiting latest update

#4 Innovation Center/Incubator

-Chair Chuck Barney

-white paper attached

#5 Downtown Foot Traffic

-Chair Elly DesLauriers

-awaiting update

#6 Downtown Private Investment

-Chair Kevin Black

-two meetings to date with white paper to follow

#7 Financial Toolbox

-Chair Lyndsay Ulrickson

-white paper attached

I requested that all committee chairs make sure that anyone who requested a voice be asked to sit on their respective committee so that each individual had a chance to be heard.

I also asked them to think of those groups who were not at the table and ask them to attend so that their voices were heard.

In short, I tried to make a concerted effort to make sure everyone that wanted to be heard had the opportunity. That being said I would anticipate we missed someone.

In my opinion, the attached document title DT Whitepaper Technical Team is really a two page document which I believe the steering committee should pass on to the council and have them react to. I believe it spells out simply and directly the steps to be taken to get this project rolling. The paper states the obvious problem, solutions to address the problem and most importantly funding to implement the project.

Additionally the link below, which you may have already seen was published earlier this week by the Souris Basin Planning Council. I also believe this document points to the challenges we face, not only as a city, but as a region and should be adopted/endorsed by the council as well. If I may, I would like to send kudos to Lyndsay Ulrickson and her diligence in moving this process forward. It's been a pleasure to work with her and I believe she can be very helpful as we move this initiative along.

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/1756c4\\_456bff9fbcd342cea6578e796816185f.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/1756c4_456bff9fbcd342cea6578e796816185f.pdf)

Please review the attached information and feel free to reach out to me with questions as needed. I realize the council meeting is Monday and if you wish to discuss over the weekend please feel free to contact me via my cell phone, 701.240.6846 or my personal email, [tpmconsultingllc@gmail.com](mailto:tpmconsultingllc@gmail.com).

Thanks and have a great weekend!

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