

**Start Time: 5;05 PM**

**End Time: 6:10 PM**

**In Attendance:** Wynne (chair), Rue-Simmons, Revelle, Suffredin, Rainey, Braithwaite

**Staff:** Leonard, Stoneback, Flax

**Public Comment:** Three in support of Natural Area as a designated area in the city (including Elizabeth Kinney/LWV) and one to support the ordinances for a banquet hall and a convenience store would be established with no cost to the city.

**Items for Consideration**

**For Action:**

Approved the request for \$159,574 to continue support for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). Request is lower than usual as tenants are not able to exit out of assistance due to lack of employment opportunities. The other money (usual amount is \$300,00) is being spent on bricks and mortar to build additional units of affordable housing; current funding will support current participants with housing assistance and social services. No new “tenants” are being added until those in program can “graduate” and be self sufficient.

**For Introduction:**

- Amend the designation of “Natural Areas” to Public Parks. Natural Areas would reduce impact of urban impact on humans and animals. These would limit active recreation but still be open to the public. Those now in existence include: Bird Sanctuary at Clark St. Beach, Ladd Arboretum, Harbert Payne Woods, and the Civic Center. New staff will be hired but this will be just part of the overall responsibilities of retired staff (a replacement for D’Agostino).
- Support for a “banquet hall” at 800 Greenwood. The location would support smaller events (10 - 50 people/ birthdays, small receptions, etc.) and the anticipation is that none would have music amplification that would annoy neighbors. A special use for the location.
- Special use for a convenience store at 1235 Dodge. Supported by staff and Braithwaite would move to make it an action item at Council. Wynne questioned the lack of parking and the potential use by users to take up space on the bike lane. Braithwaite assured her he had not see problems in the area.