

Good evening Mayor, members of council and staff, my name is Annie Droege. I'm a volunteer from the Mason Mile core team and I'm here this evening to provide an update on the Mason Mile Project.

The Mason Mile project is a community led, market driven project. We will honor our history while building into the future a fresh, healthy and sustainable place for people to live, work and play.

The Mason Mile Project has a core team of volunteers that consists of David Charpentier, Kacey Richards, and myself. Administrative staff includes Sherry Taylor and Sidney Hayes.

MADECDC's Board of Directors finalized a scope of work and request for proposal for the grant scope on June 28th, and posted the request for proposal publicly. The deadline to solicit proposals was Friday July 22nd. The MADE CDC Board is currently reviewing the received proposals and have scheduled interviews for qualifying firms. The MADECDC Board expects to have the firm(s) selected mid-August and to begin work right away.

We want to clarify information regarding the executive summary appendix E on page 13. It is important to note that this is a preliminary analysis on the 400 acres highlighted in red. That analysis was conducted following National Planning Standards and will be validated through a market study. We encourage the public to read the Executive Summary in its entirety, to visit our website [madecdc.org/downtownmasonmile](http://madecdc.org/downtownmasonmile), join our Facebook group "Downtown Mason Mile Project", and to reach out to any of the team members I stated earlier should you have any questions.

On Thursday August 4th we held a Neighborhood Quarterly Meet-Up at The Common Beer Company. We had a great turnout of about 30 people who were residents and/or business owners. The purpose of the Quarterly Meetup is to bring our MADE Community together and provide an informational update. Our next Quarterly Meetup is November 3rd at Warped Wing.

We have 49 community members who are signed up to help advance the Mason Mile project through task completion and we are calling them our activators. In July we had activators collect data and spread the word about the Mason Mile project along West Main, East Main, and Reading rd. Thank you to everyone who has helped us complete tasks so far. Your efforts and time don't go unrecognized and we couldn't do all of this without you.

We also want to thank Mason City Council for partnering with us to make all of this happen. We are eager and excited to continue to build on all of the good work that's been done over the years and move at the speed of trust.

Thank you for your time.