



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

CC: Dave Bennett, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Monte Nelson, Police Chief; Mitzi Baker, Community Development Director; Deb Little, City Clerk; Michelle Mahowald, Communications & Human Resources Director; Teresa Jensen, Director of Library and Information Technology Resources; Chris Hood, City Attorney

From: Ben Martig, City Administrator

RE: "Supplemental Agenda Background Memo" for June 9, 2020 No. 1.

Summary Report:

The following is an update on agenda items as supplemental background agenda information made available for Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Item 3 – Res. 2020-055 Consider alternative options for the Memorial Pool for the 2020 Summer Season due to COVID-19.

The Governor's recent change in the guidelines regarding pools allows for pools to open at 50% capacity beginning June 10th. Staff is supportive of opening the pool July 1.

Capacity

The current capacity of the pool is 545. Staff measured the square footage of the actual pool areas and determined that 95 swimmers could be in the water and still be able to maintain the appropriate social distancing. 95 swimmers is well under the 50% occupancy capacity of the pools, but the social distance spacing ability in water is a more appropriate measure of the capacity.

Options

The new guidelines would likely fit with option 1C, the July 1st opening of the pool, from the original set of options put before the Council.

Operations

There would be 3 public sessions daily with sanitizing procedures between each session. The CDC has seen no evidence of the virus being transmitted via properly treated pool water. Staff would use an EPA registered disinfectant to sanitize the restrooms, high touch areas and limited seating options that would be available.

Financial considerations

Staff made assumptions of actual daily attendance. Based on those assumptions and the calculated capacity of the pools, staff recommends a budget amendment of an additional \$30,000 above the adopted general fund reserve support amount to support operations at the pool.

Future considerations

Should the Council choose to open the pool on July 1st, staff will continue to monitor the guidelines regarding capacity. Staff will adapt to the changes as they happen and make adjustments to the total number of swimmers that would be allowed per session which may also impact current revenue projections.

Item No. 4 - Consideration of downtown public right of way changes including streets and parking to accommodate user changes related to COVID-19 community mitigation measures.

Please see attached updated presentation materials. Many of the slides are the same but some revisions have been included.

Item No.5. Consider Resolution of Support for police and criminal justice legislative reforms.

City Administrator Martig and Mayor Pownell are recommending to remove this agenda item for this evening.

Staff has been monitoring pending legislation from the State of Minnesota but no specific bills have been identified. There will be significant thought put into what federal, state and local policies may be appropriate. Staff is committed to transparency and accountability in policieng and there will be future review and discussion on this topic. The public's questions, comments and feedback are always welcomed.


2020 Old Memorial Pool Operations

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6/2/2020



Tonight's Outline


- Tonight's Goals
 - Operational options for Old Memorial pool
 - Social considerations
 - Financial Impacts
 - Questions and Comments
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Tonight's Goals

- City Council decide if the pool will be open or closed for the 2020 season.
- Staff will run through alternative options available for Council



Special considerations due to COVID-19

- Current Governor Executive Order Through June 1 Prohibits Pools From Operating.
 - Operational considerations if Governor Executive Orders for Pools Changes After June 1 but would require mitigation requirements:
 - Break day into two hour admission sessions with a limited number of patrons being allowed in during each session.
 - Sanitize facility between sessions
 - Require all patrons to bring their own chairs or blankets.
 - Mark out spots within the facility that comply with social distancing recommendations
 - Add signage to encourage best hygiene practices and assumption of risks
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Sanitizing considerations

- Limited touch points at the pool
- Physical barrier has already been constructed
- Changing room will be sanitized between each two hour session
- Remove deck chairs to reduce touch points and sanitizing points
- All sources indicate that with a pool with proper chlorine level will kill the virus in the water



Social Considerations

- Provide community with recreation opportunity
 - Provide a sense of normalcy
 - Provide as safe of an recreation outlet as possible
 - Continue the high level of service to the community
 - Be aware of what surrounding communities are doing
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Financial considerations

- Alternative Option 1A Close the Pool for 2020 Season.
 - Full time staff would continue with repairs and catching up on deferred maintenance on the pool as included in the 2020 adopted budget
 - Cost savings estimated at \$22,342 would benefit the 2020 budget including the COVID-19 financial impacts.




Financial considerations

- Alternative Option 1b: Open Pool Mid-June
 - Season pass sales have already been postponed.
 - The modified admissions process, including limiting the number of patrons, would also bring the revenue numbers down.
 - A possible scenario based on an 80 day operating schedule and including 10 weather related closures:
 - Assuming 50% of the previous season pass holders will purchase daily admissions
 - 30 patrons per session X 3 sessions per day + Pass holder sales = \$60,000 season revenue total
 - Budget amendment of \$55,000 to operate the pool due to revenue shortfalls

Financial considerations

- Alternative Option 1C Open Pool July 1.
 - The seasonal staffing and utilities line items would be able to be reduced by 30% each due to the pool not operating in the month of June.
 - Revenue projections based on a 50 day operating schedule including 7 weather related closures
 - Assuming 50% of the previous season pass holders will purchase daily admission
 - 30 admissions per session X 3 sessions per day + pass holder sales = \$48,300 season revenue
 - Budget amendment of \$30,000 to operate the pool due to revenue shortfalls

Financial considerations

- Alternative option 1D Open the pool for swim clubs for organized youth sports and programs
 - As of June 1st pools are allowed to open for youth sports and youth programs per Executive Order 20-63
 - Temporary Staff line item reduced from \$100,000 to \$20,000 due to elimination of lifeguards. Keeping only a pool manager and staff to sanitize pool area
 - Current revenues from swim clubs are average around \$8,000 per year
 - Assuming an increase in rental revenue through addition of additional swim club rentals from local and non local clubs of \$7,000 for a total of \$15,000
 - The budget amendment resolution would require an additional \$19,000 of reserve fund support
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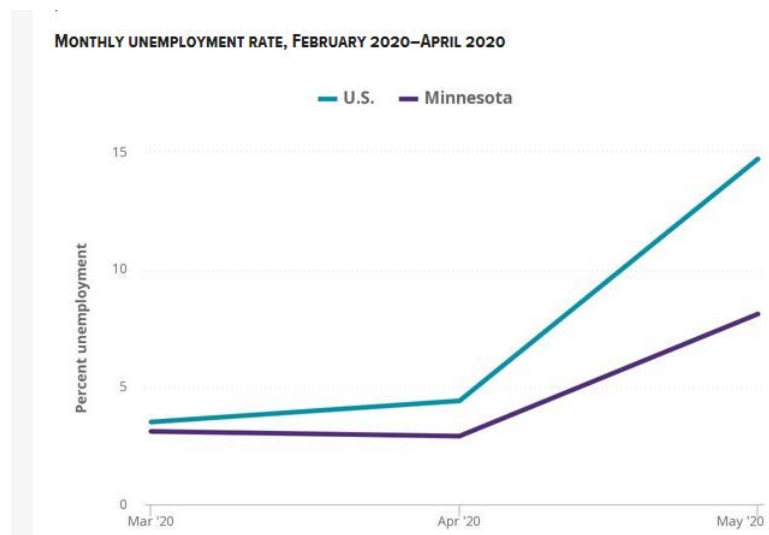
Financial considerations

FUND 101: GENERAL FUND			Alt 1a - Recommend ed	Alt 1b	Alt 1c	Att 1d
		2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
	DESCRIPTION	COUNCL ADOPTED	POOL CLOSED	JUNE OPENING	JULY OPENING	SWIM CLUB OPENING
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 227,022	\$ 71,980	\$ 208,522	\$ 172,090	\$ 128,085
	Revenue	\$ 132,700	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,300	\$ 15,000
	NET EXPENSES	\$ (94,322)	\$ (71,980)	\$ (148,522)	\$ (123,790)	\$ (1130,85)
	Additional Reserve Funds		\$ (22,342)	\$ 54,200	\$ 29,925	\$ 18,763



Revenue Risks & Comparisons (May 5, 2020)

- At this time, the current biggest risks to the City of Northfield are likely to be 2021 impacts including potential delinquent property taxes, sensitivity to local property tax increases and State cuts in LGA
 - General Fund Property Tax levy at \$7.2M is 51% of the General Fund Revenue
 - LGA budgeted at \$3.2M is 23% of the General Fund

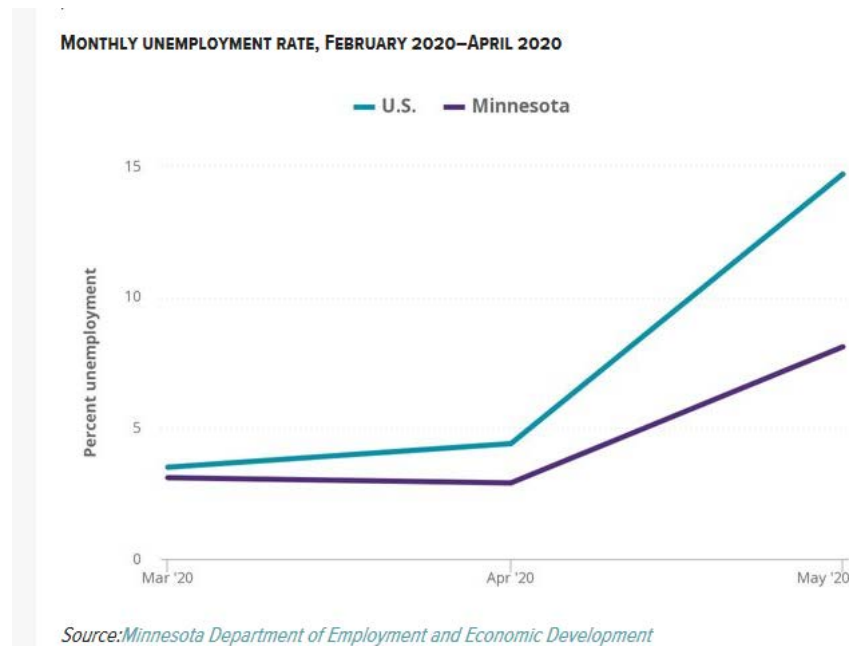


Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development



Financial Update

- At this time, more optimistic on economy a month later with clarity on re-openings and unemployment statistics as of June
- Future may change particularly in Fall and Winter season



2021 Considerations

- Potential General Fund Revenue Impact


- Could be a \$900K reduction in Revenue (current worst case scenario estimating)

- Property tax and LGA, based on 2008 impact
- Likely spread over 2020 and 2021
- TOO EARLY to assume this for action steps

- Best case estimate LGA stays at same or very similar levels to 2021 and little impact to property tax delinquencies



Action this Evening

- Resolution has three options
 - Alternative 1A – Close the Pool staff recommended
 - Alternative 1B – Open Pool Mid-June budget amendment of \$55,000 from the General Reserve Fund to Operations Budget
 - Alternative 1 C – Open Pool July 1 budget amendment of \$30,000 from the General Reserve Fund to Operations Budget.
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Questions



From: [Lani Almen](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Memorial Pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:28:53 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

With the Governor's latest guidelines, pools should be able to open at 50% capacity. So much has been taken away from the kids the last few months. please give them this.

Lani Almen
904 Juniper Ave

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Krissa Anderson](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Memorial Pool Agenda Item #3, 2020-055
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 4:25:46 PM

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Hello Deb,

I am writing to comment on Agenda Item #3, 2020-055 regarding the opening of the Memorial Pool during over the summer of 2020. My family and I frequent the pool since there are no lakes in Northfield. I am writing to ask the city to please open the pool this summer. Now that bars and restaurants are open and some community ed classes are taking place, I think it is appropriate for the pool to be open. What type of outdoor location could be safer to visit than one that is filled with chlorinated water?

Thank you for your consideration,

Krissa Anderson

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Krissa Anderson
612.702.9280

From: [Anna W](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Old Memorial Pool formal citizens comment
Date: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 9:15:13 AM

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To whom it may concern

I am hoping the city council is taking into consideration all now-known facts about Covid-19 in their deliberation on the opening of the pool.

To that end I have provided a little recap.

Experts now say that:

-Covid does not last on surfaces:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/05/21/virus-does-not-spread-easily-contaminated-surfaces-or-animals-revised-cdc-website-states/>

-Covid dies within minutes in summer heat and humidity:

https://nypost.com/2020/04/23/top-dhs-scientists-says-heat-humidity-slow-coronavirus/?sr_share=facebook&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=SocialFlow&utm_source=NYPFacebook

-Covid is not airborne:

https://bc.ctvnews.ca/absolutely-no-evidence-that-covid-19-is-airborne-b-c-health-official-says-1.4964156#_gus&_gucid=&_gup=Facebook&_gsc=qpIzC7d

-Covid rarely spreads without symptoms:

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/08/asymptomatic-coronavirus-patients-arent-spreading-new-infections-who-says.html?fbclid=IwAR0xUnSUFL1bfPsOFzKxTlrDkQYjMY0fOOujpTVEaCvzeTcQIRhd4B3W9rM>

-Death rate when the majority of testing is the sickest population is just 0.26%:

https://pjmedia.com/news-and-politics/matt-margolis/2020/05/22/the-cdc-just-gave-us-the-biggest-reason-to-end-the-coronavirus-lockdowns-n417178?fbclid=IwAR1I-qGkOpNLhWWj_yRkPAzeGQSmP-GpGzTh5LIWF-LX-_bz92FZJeUs6MY

- Over 80% of MN covid deaths are in congregate care facilities, many of which the state intentionally placed covid positive patients in to keep hospital beds open for a surge that never came:

<https://m.startribune.com/minn-nursing-homes-already-site-of-81-of-covid-19-deaths-still-taking-in-infected-patients/570601282/>

Combined with the fact which I'm sure you've heard often, that chlorine kills covid-19, there seems to be substantive evidence of the low risk of covid19 spreading in an outdoor pool environment setting.

From: [Michele Ballstadt](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Swimming pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 2:41:08 PM

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Dear Nfld City Council:

Writing to you in support of the pool opening this summer. The community families that utilize the pool NEED it - this year probably more so than ever!!!

Due to Covid, they have lost school, time with friends, time with families, work as they knew it, socializing and the ability to freely move about as they had in the past.

Personally, the last few months have been rough on our family - struggling through days of distance learning, struggling being surrounded by the same four walls, struggling with the missed friendships... My family NEEDS to be able to get out and have some fun, see friends, and get back to being somewhat 'normal' again.

I heard there was some chatter about the pool opening was not in the budget how is that the fault of the children of this town?? Why should they be punished for our leaders inability to make good decisions and be budget conscious??

By not opening the pool, you are not just going to lose out on some revenue....

Lifeguards will be out of jobs, and some of them depend on that money for college

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Local stores will lose revenue as people won't be out buying swimsuits and sunscreen....

Local restaurants will also lose revenue as people won't be stopping for a snack after swimming...

Kids, and adults alike, might be losing out on some vital exercise time.....

People's mental health might suffer even more if they can't get out and do something

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Relationships with friends will lose out on even more nurturing due to lost time....

Families WILL lose and may decide that this town is not so family friendly after all and move out

and so on....

Do the right thing.... give the people in this community some hope! OPEN UP THE POOL!!!

Sincerely,
Michele Ballstadt
1816 Washington St S, Northfield

From: [Alyssa Bauer](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Item #3 Res. 2020-055
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:30:53 AM

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Dear Mayor, City Council Members,

I believe that everything happens for a reason, and that is why you were unable to discuss the pool opening last week. I believe that we were meant to have a little more time for MN Dept of Health guidance to help you make the decision to open Old Memorial Pool.

I realize that the financial aspects of opening the pool may not look as good on paper, but the benefits to the mental well being and physical health of Northfield residents will be immeasurable. With the cancellation of summer camps, Books and Stars, Arts Guild performances, tournament and game play of all sports, the fireworks for the 4th of July, the Rice County Fair, and perhaps the biggest loss: Defeat of Jesse James Days, we have very few opportunities to safely connect and gather.

Through the past 3 months, we have persisted through the Governor and Department of Health's Stay at Home and Stay Safe MN orders. Our children have swapped classroom education for distance learning. We wear masks and stay home when we are not feeling well. Minnesotans, and Northfield residents in particular, answered the call, keeping our COVID19 numbers low.

We know that we cannot return to normal yet, but with the guidance of Governor Walz and the Department of Health, we are being allowed to turn the dial towards fewer restrictions on gatherings. Swimming pools have been allowed to reopen, with capacity restrictions, health screenings, and heightened sanitizing efforts.

The CDC has issued bulletins stating that COVID19 is not transmitted in chlorinated water.

Kenyon, Medford, Owatonna, and Faribault will be opening their outdoor pools. I ask that you also open Old Memorial Pool, for the swim clubs to rent for team practices, for the community to use the lap swim, and for safe operation for open swim for the citizens.

Northfield residents are responsible, respectful, dedicated members of our community. I believe they can follow social distancing guidelines, stay home when ill, and enjoy the outdoor pool this summer.

I know that I speak for many members of the community when I respectfully ask, PLEASE open Old Memorial Pool as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Alyssa Bauer

From: [trisha.beacom](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Open the pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 4:40:58 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Let us make the decision to risk going to the pool. It is so inconvenient to travel 30 min out of town to go to a pool when we have one in our own town. I work 10 hour days and would love for my nanny to be able to bring my kids to the pool and enjoy some of their summer!

Thank you
Trisha Beacom
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lauren Crosgrove](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 12:38:55 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

OLD MEMORIAL POOL OPENING SUPPORTERS:

Agenda Item #3, 2020-055,

I am in support of opening the old memorial pool this summer. The governor has stated 50% capacity, understandably this poses some financial challenges that I am hoping the city can be creative in solving.

- raise prices
- lessen life guards with clear signs and disclaimers to be signed that parents need to watch their children. Several pools in the state do this and have success and as a frequent pool goer- last year there were signs of major mismanagement of staff at the pool. There were always at least 4 sometimes as high as 8 employees just loitering around- not working.
- change life guard shifts to be shorter with less needs for breaks thus eliminating loitering
- raise concession prices

Those are just a few ideas. Please open the pool!

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LAUREN CROSGROVE
Executive Pastor of Ministry // CANVASCHURCH
www.canvaschurch.cc

Sent from my Mobile

From: [Tressa Dykstra](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 9:48:20 PM

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We would love to see the pool open this summer! I'm a pediatric nurse practitioner working in Northfield. I feel the benefits of sun and swimming outweigh the risks if some basic precautions are taken.

Tressa Dykstra and family.

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@ci.northfield.mn.us
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Email Deb Little
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 1:26:08 PM

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Email Deb Little

To: Deb Little

First Name	Dena
Last Name	Eggum
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Subject:	Agenda summer pool 2020

(Section Break)

Comments: I would appreciate it if you would open the city pool ASAP for the summer. It is a safer alternative for our city people then going to lake or river. Not all of us can afford a pool. I would be willing to buy a 9 week season pass I love to come to tread water for exercise and to cope with the heat. Please don't keep pool closed. I lived there as a child. We do need snack maybe just sell water. With my pass I had contact less entry to pool each day." Go bathroom wash my hands and body jo in pool then rinse off go home. The only people what will miss the lawn chair will be parents they can bring there own. Hope you can make this work ASAP thank you.

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From: [Victoriya Farkas](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Pool opening
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:17:34 PM

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Dear Mayor, City Council Members,

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Thank you,

Victoriya Lemke

From: [Melanie Feldhake](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Memorial Pool vote - please read
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 3:10:35 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

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Thank you,
Melanie Feldhake

From: [Jackie Gammon](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Pool Operation 2020
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 8:32:16 PM

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Thank you,
Jackie Gammon

From: [Megan Holleran](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Northfield Old Memorial Pool Feedback for Meeting today (June 8th)
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 1:11:39 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Greetings,

My name is Megan Ann Holleran. I live in Northfield with my husband and three school aged children. My oldest is a member of the Bullsharks Swim Team. I am writing to show my support for opening the Old Memorial Swimming Pool.

As a swim official with United States Swimming I have been closely following research and guidelines for swim facility re-opening. Outdoor pools, such as ours, are low risk for COVID-19 transmission. Clear and consistent policies can be put in place to mitigate risks. Lap swimming presents less risk then recreational open swim, although they can both be done safely with appropriate policies in place.

I understand revenue will likely be down due to COVID-19 policies, but opening the pool is still the correct decision. It serves the Northfield community and it is an especially important service given the cancelation of so many other summer programs. We need to look at the pool as an essential community service like the library. I am not sure if pool rental from swim clubs is included in revenue forecasts, but the Northfield Bullsharks Swim Team and other USA Swimming teams in the area are eager to pay for use of our facilities.

Thank You for your Time and Consideration,

Megan Ann Holleran

From: [Pamela Hutton](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #3-2020-055 Opening of Memorial Pool
Date: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 8:19:49 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

This is an email to voice my opinion of opening Memorial Pool this summer. I am in favor of opening the pool using the guidelines provided by MDH. There have been so many activities cancelled for our youth this summer. If they do not have a safe outlet for these very warm summer days kids will get creative and find other outlets which may be very dangerous like jumping off the bridge into the river or other activities that are not constructive. We are a community that has done extremely well with the social distancing and following all the MDH guidelines up to this point. I believe this will follow suit at the pool. Pam Hutton

From: [Emma Johnson](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Old Memorial Pool Opening
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:23:54 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Dear Northfield City Council Members,

I hope everyone is healthy and doing okay during this difficult time. I just wanted to take some time to show my commitment to the safety of Northfield, and I would like to express my thoughts about opening the pool this summer. I am one of Old Memorial Pool's past and hopefully future employees, and I would like to express my hopefulness about the pool opening. As a past employee, I know my coworkers and I have tried our best to keep everyone at the pool safe, and that would continue through this pandemic. I realize that different responsibilities may be placed on me; however, I would do my best to keep everyone safe. I am ready to follow and enforce any rules that would need to be put in place like social distancing and increased sanitation. I am willing to take more responsibilities in order to have the pool open. Working at Old Memorial Pool is very important to me, and I hope you take these points into consideration when the decision is being made. Thank you!

Emma Johnson

From: [Trudi Lloyd](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: pool opening
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:51:50 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Dear city of Northfield, You've taken away DJJD days please don't take away the pool! I have no kids that use the pool, however I am advocating for the hot sweaty children around Northfield.

Thank you
Trudi Lloyd

From: [Lmalecha](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Old Memorial Pool
Date: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 8:34:23 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

I encourage the city council to prioritize making a decision at today's meeting. The young people who typically work the pool this summer are already beginning to work other summer jobs. Staffing maybe difficult if this decision is tabled again.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Moore, Lori A.](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Memorial Pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 1:07:33 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Hi!! I support opening the POOL!

Lori Moore
Northfield resident
Children ages 15, 13, and 11.

From: [Dave Morrell](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Pool opening
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 7:55:19 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Thank you for offering public opinion regarding whether or not to open Northfield's pool. I am a physician at both Northfield Hospital and Allina Clinic Northfield and can wholeheartedly support the opening of the Northfield Pool. This is based on the recommendation from the CDC regarding water safety and COVID. Please see the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/index.html>

In summary, there is no evidence of spread of COVID through water in pools. However, proper precautions are still necessary such as:

Limit pool capacity per Governor Walz/MDH

Limit deck chairs/seating so that social distancing on the deck is maintained.

Locker rooms and showers closed.

No concessions.

Contactless entry/fees

Thank you for your consideration.

David S Morrell, MD
507-261-3051

From: [Crystal Mulvihill](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Old Memorial Pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 1:40:33 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Hello,

I am writing in favor of opening Old Memorial pool this summer. Many studies have shown that the virus does not transmit through the water and is not very transmittable while outdoors. The risk of contracting the virus at the pool is very, very low.

As a mother of two elementary aged children, I would like to speak to how important the pool will be to so many in our community this summer. Many activities have been canceled (in my opinion, prematurely), please do not take another one away from us. Let parents and families decide what is best for them - give them the option of this recreation. The mental health of so many children is declining currently and exercise is tremendously beneficial. Please allow us this activity.

I understand there may be financial factors involved in this decision by the city. Please find a way to make this work for our community.

Best Regards,
Crystal Mulvihill

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tucker Olsen](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: 2020 Pool plans
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:03:34 AM

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Dear Mayor, City Council Members,

I believe that everything happens for a reason, and that is why you were unable to discuss the pool opening last week. I believe that we were meant to have a little more time for MN Dept of Health guidance to help you make the decision to open Old Memorial Pool.

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We know that we cannot return to normal yet, but with the guidance of Governor Walz and the Department of Health, we are being allowed to turn the dial towards fewer restrictions on gatherings. Swimming pools have been allowed to reopen, with capacity restrictions, health screenings, and heightened sanitizing efforts.

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I know that I speak for many members of the community when I respectfully ask, PLEASE open Old Memorial Pool as soon as possible.

Thank you

Tucker Olsen
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tucker.olsen@nottco.com

From: [Kristin Scouton](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Memorial pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:39:13 AM

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Thank you, Kristin Scouton

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Natasha Vermilyea](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Support for opening the pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:56:45 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

I support opening the pool.

Both the CDC and the MN Dept of Health have issued guidelines allowing pools to open. With the right processes in place, I support the pools opening for the summer.

Natasha Vermilyea

From: [Denise Wagner](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Re: Please open our pool
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:29:30 AM

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Thank you,
Denise Krause
708 Meadowview Dr
Northfield MN

From: [Colleen Zastrow](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Old Memorial Pool Opening
Date: Monday, June 08, 2020 5:24:52 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I walked by the pool yesterday and thought what a shame that it is empty, vacant and quiet.

I have lived in Northfield almost three years and have never used the pool. I do know that it's a great place for children and families to congregate, especially on these hot dog days of summer.

The Governor is lifting restrictions on gatherings up to 50% capacity at pools, and I hope you consider re-opening it. My understanding is that other cities will open their outdoor pools.

Please keep our youth and families in mind when making this decision. I am certain it can be done in a responsible manner.

Thank you,

Colleen Zastrow
612 Primrose Ct, Northfield, MN 55057

From: [Avanell Young](#)
To: [Deb Little](#)
Subject: Pool
Date: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:32:34 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

The pool should be opened there should be a safe way to handle this for people who have fears they simply dont need to go .

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Street Closure Discussion

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

06/9/2020



Considerations for Vehicle Closure & Enhanced Features for Street Space

The main goal is public health safety

- Enabling people to observe the requested 6' distancing
- Safety in terms of not being in a street with cars and trucks in it (unless with something like barrels or bollards)
 - On water street bridge, people have been stepping off the high curb and onto the street
- Safety for all kinds of users, including older adults and accessibility concerns



Other Considerations for Vehicle Closure & Enhanced Features for Street Space

- Accommodating people's need/ desire for recreation:
 - Going outdoors to walk, fish, etc.
 - Statewide & locally this is encouraged
- Support downtown food establishments by giving customers a place / more places to take food to eat safely
- Support all downtown businesses by giving people a new reason to come downtown, especially as some other events like Riverwalk are cancelled or postponed
- Potential for some vehicle delivery & customer impacts for vehicle access restrictions
 - Some accommodations may be possible to explore

Downtown Area Poses Challenges for Physical Distancing for Pedestrians



View



View





Alternative B - "Lively"

A Future Vision for Bridge Square

June 2014



Overall view of Alternative B



Street level view of Alternative B from Division Street



Bird's eye view of from Division Street towards Cannon River



Bird's eye view of from mid-block adjacent to Post Office



View of "raised" Water Street with enhanced pedestrian connection



Bird's eye view of "raised" Water Street

A Future Vision for Bridge Square

June 2014



Alternative C - "Elegant"

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June 2014



Overall view of Alternative C



Street level view of Alternative C from the closed Water Street



Bird's eye view of Alternative C with the closed Water Street



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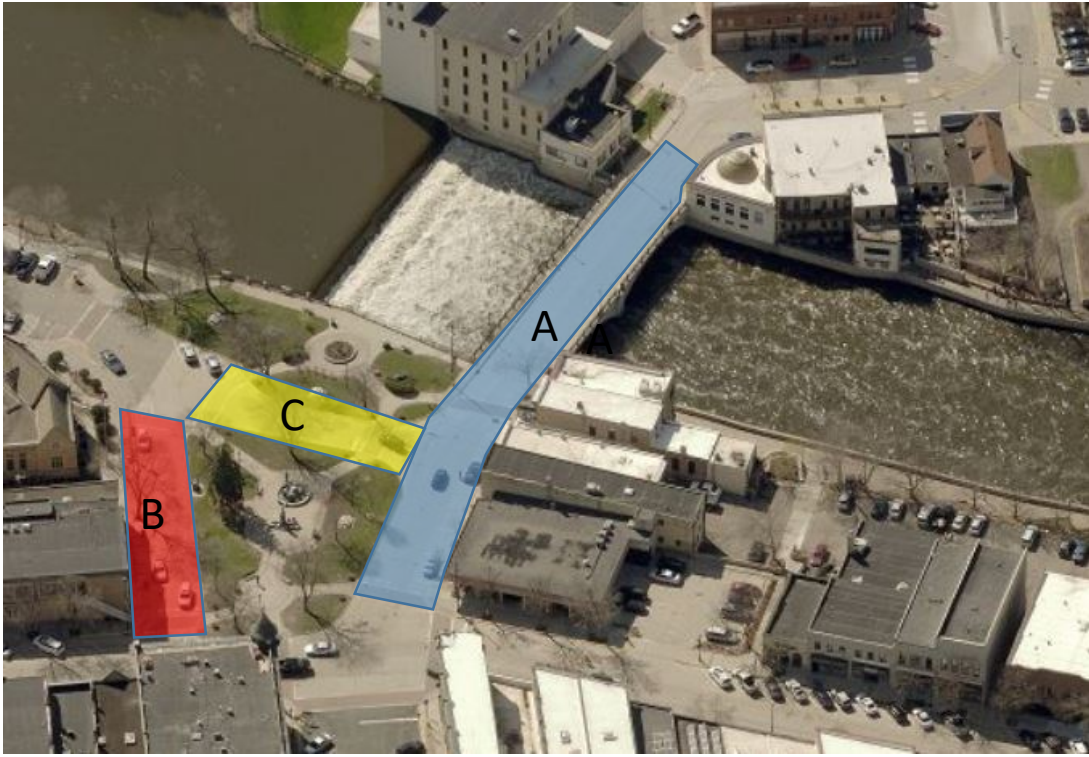


Street level view from mid-block crossing adjacent to the Post Office

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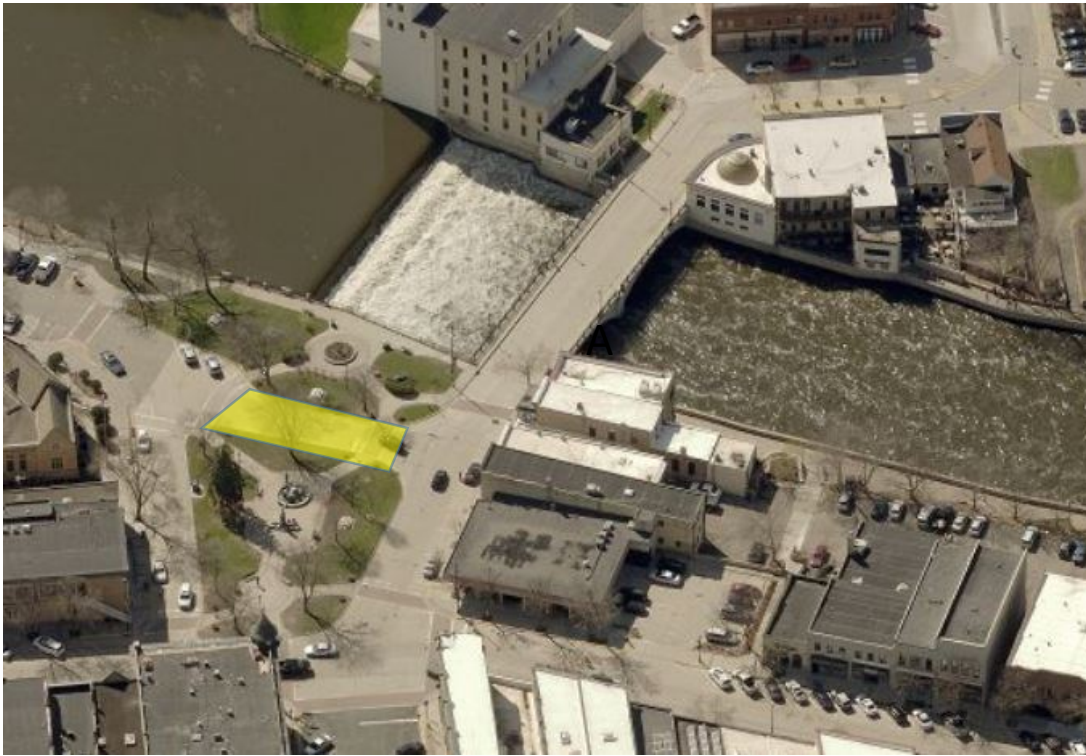
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Vehicle Closure & Enhanced Features for Street Space



OPTION: A

Vehicle Closure & Enhanced Features for Street Space

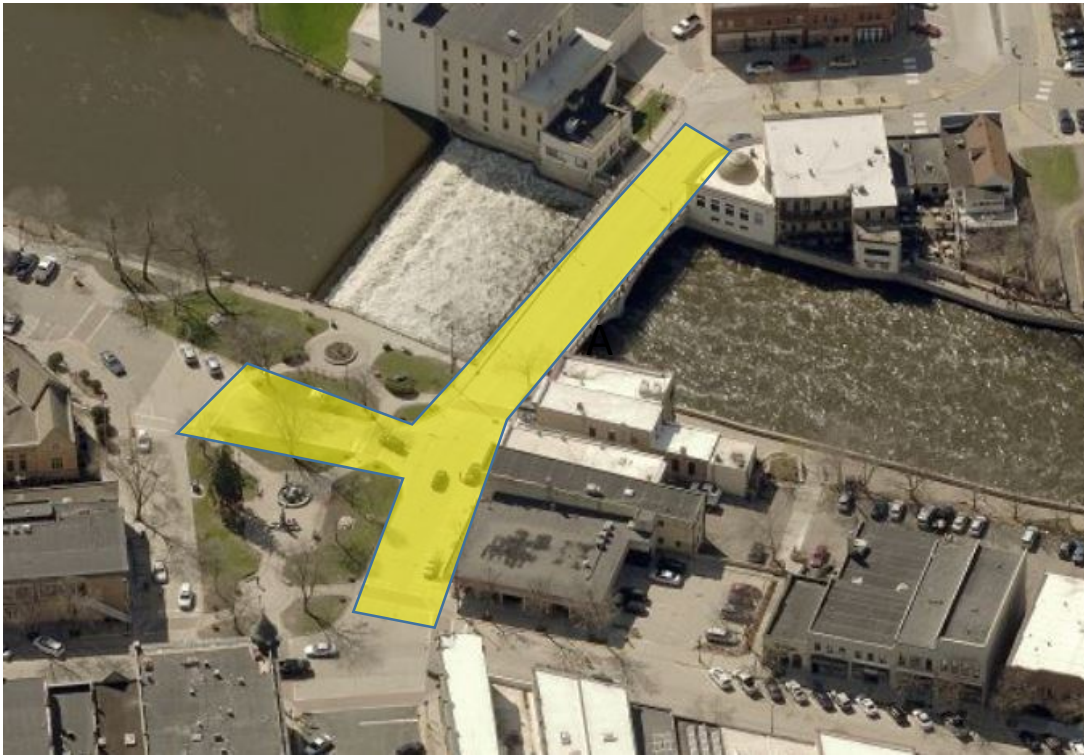


Permanent or temporary (e.g. weekends)

- Water Street

OPTION B

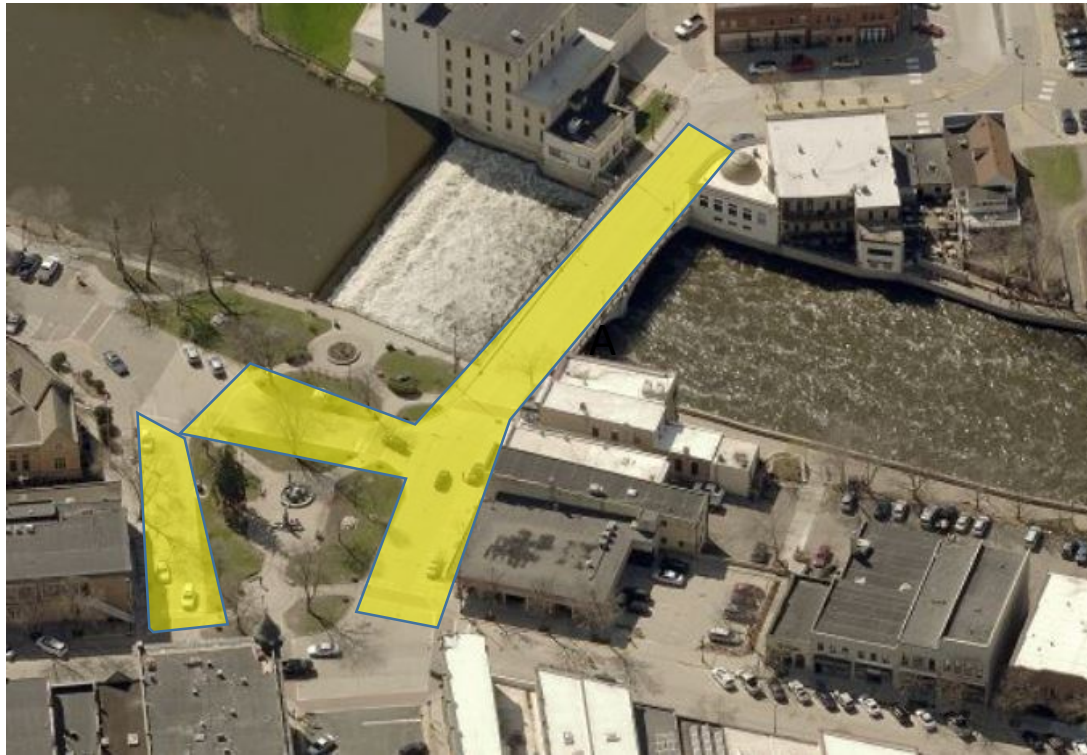
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 - Fourth Street/Water St. Bridge

OPTION C

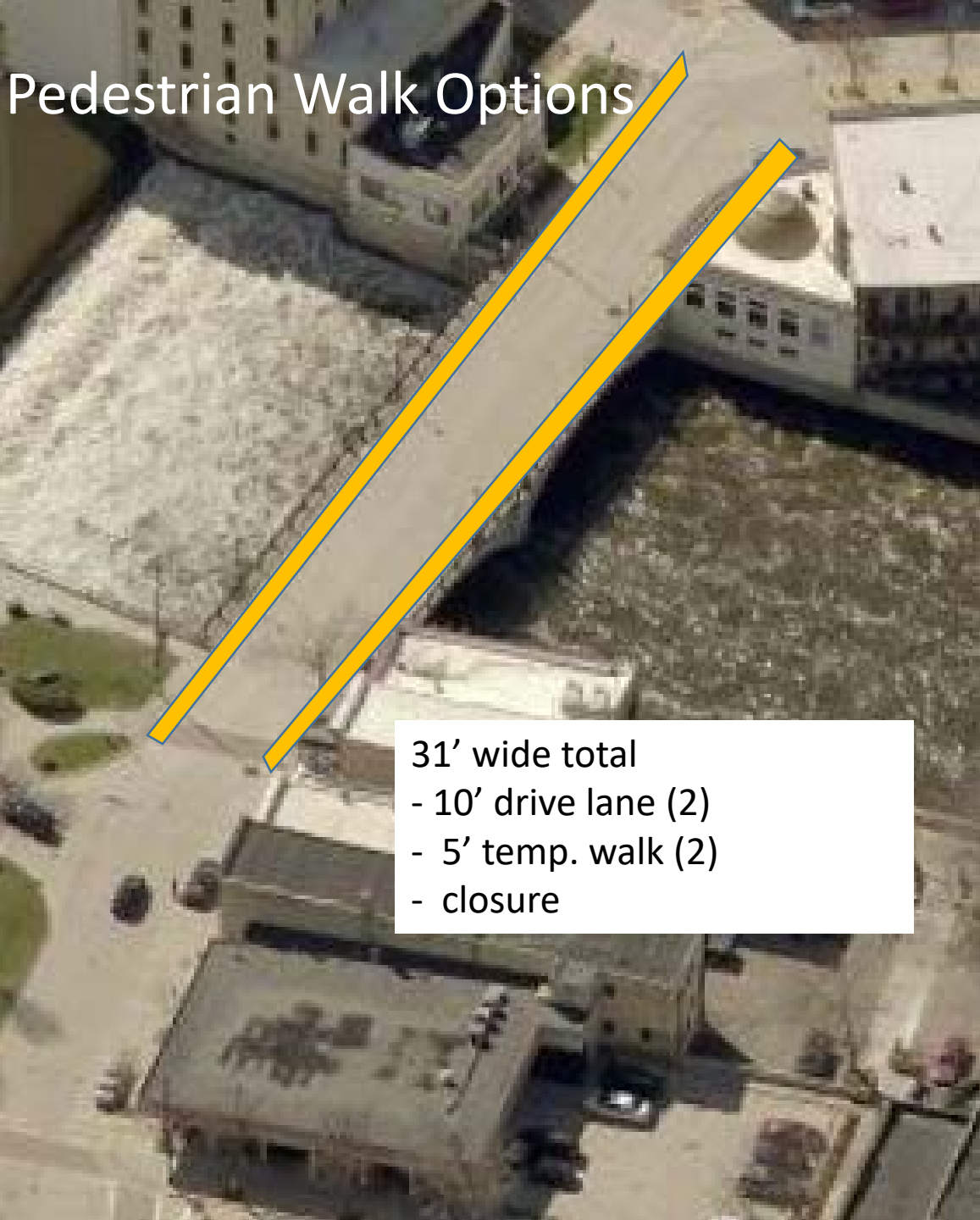
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- Bridge Sq. St.

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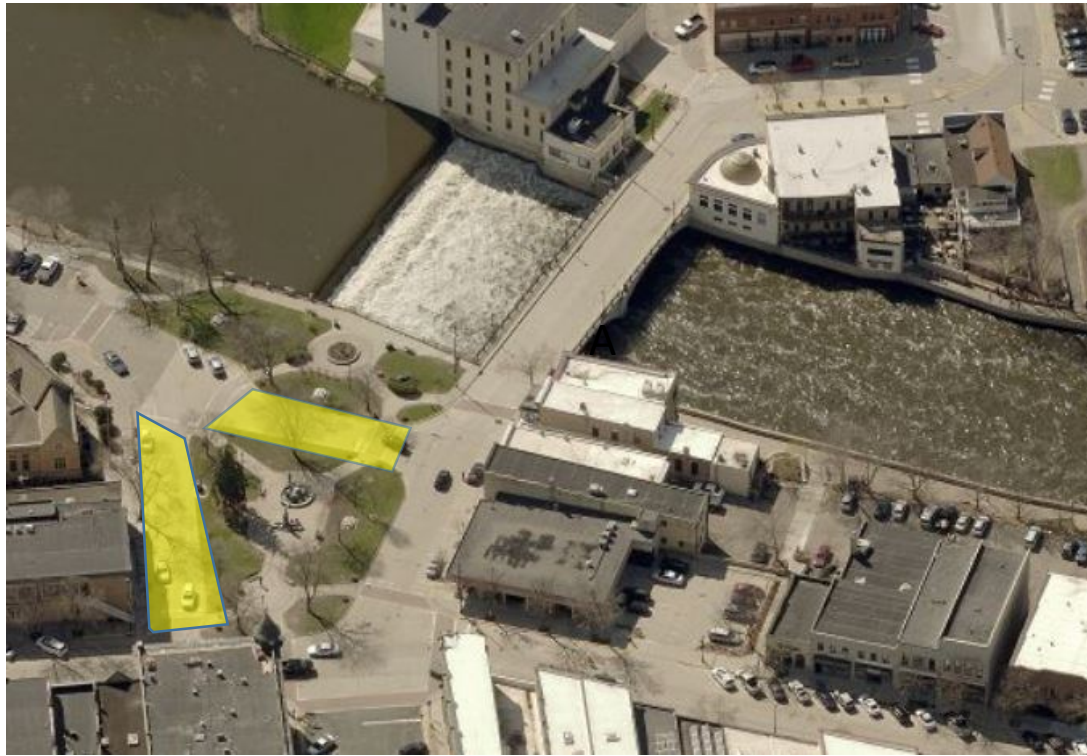


31' wide total
- 10' drive lane (2)
- 5' temp. walk (2)
- closure



OPTION D

Vehicle Closure & Enhanced Features for Street Space



Permanent or temporary (e.g. weekends)

- Water Street
- Bridge Sq. St.

Bridge Square Plan Option



Alternative D - "Dynamic" A Future Vision for Bridge Square

June 2014



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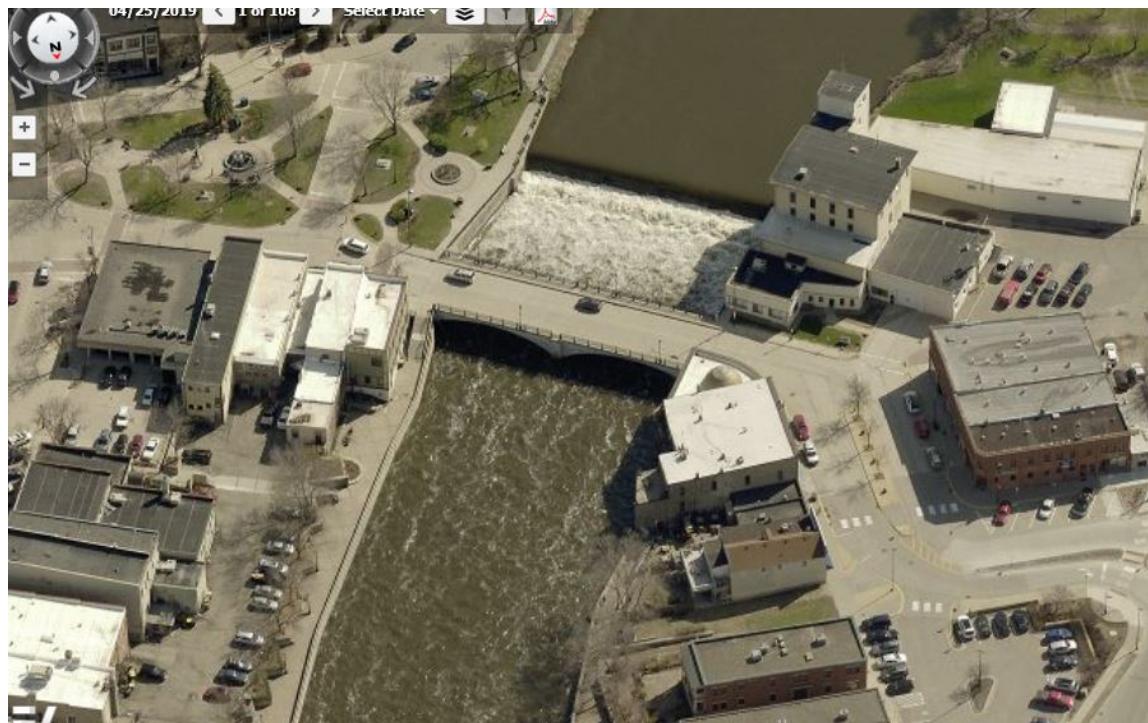


Street level view of "raised" Water Street

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Other View



Other View



Physical Spacing Illustration

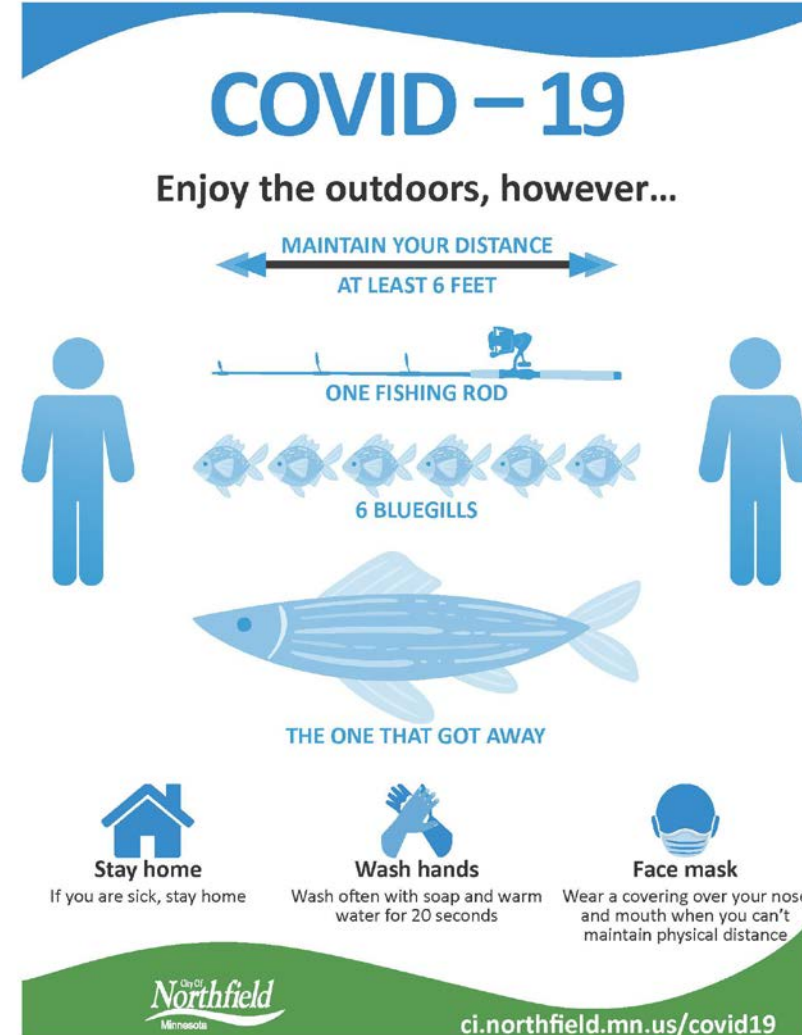
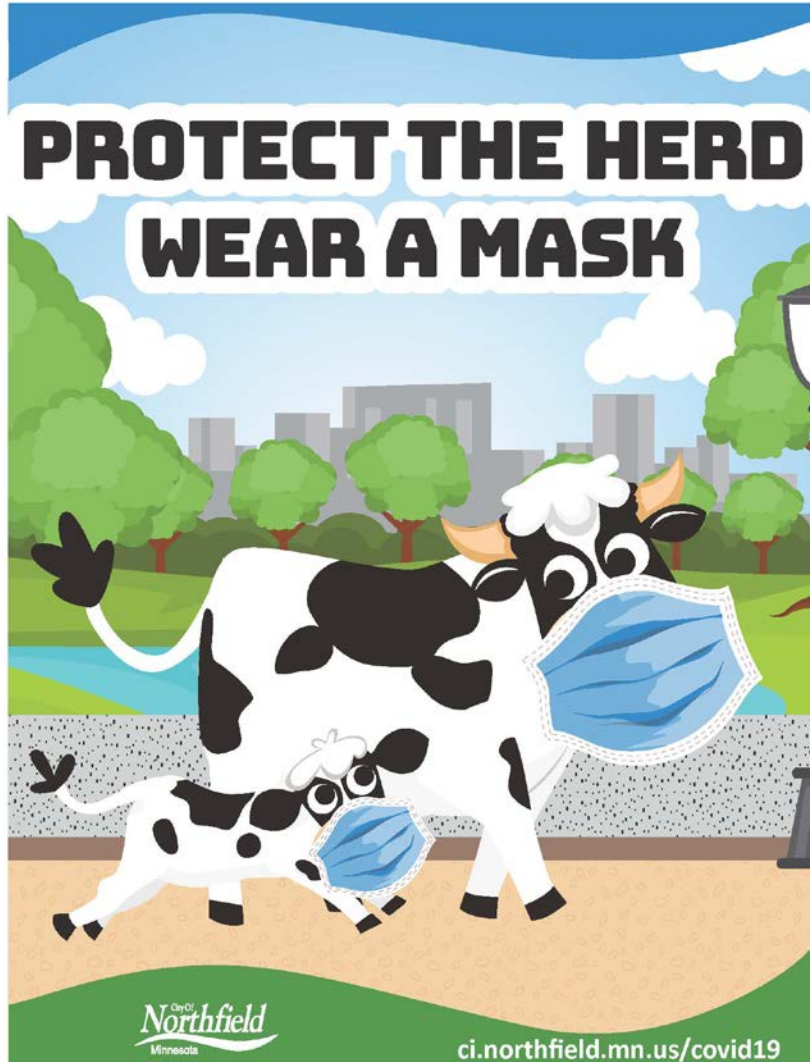


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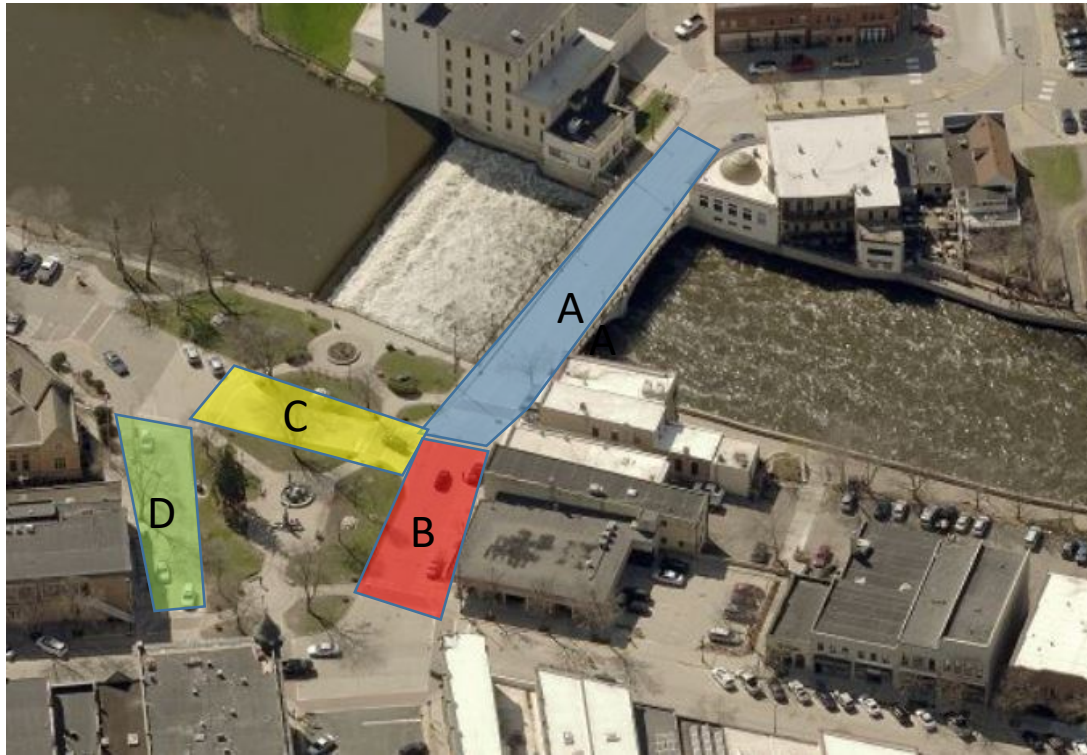
Signage In Process



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OPTIONS (by motion)

- Consider temporary closure of all these areas
- Staff supports closure of C.
- Staff has reservations but council decision on temporary or permanent closure of the others.
- Also the added lane closure is an option