



MIRACLE MILE COMMITTEE

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A citizen led Miracle Mile Committee was formed in 2023. The members at that time brought awareness and energy to the idea of redeveloping GSBN post lan. The committee and the movement stalled out in September of 2024 for various reasons.

In April of 2026, the Miracle Mile Property Owners Association (MMPOA) Board decided to restart the initiative. I joined the Board and volunteered to chair the Miracle Mile Committee. (MMC).

The new MM property owner committee members are:

Susan Simmons. Charleston Square Residential

Brian Fogleberg. La Villa Riviera

Mark White. La Villa Riviera

Al Fox. Bella Baia

Laura Radler. Edgewater Beach Hotel

Shannon Dambman. Four Seasons Residential

Beth Petrunoff. At large. She lives in Port Royal but loves our project.

Open seat. Charleston Square Commercial. (There are new owners as of 9/25/2026).

There are currently no Developer members on the committee. MMC will engage all of them as soon as we have more clarity on the path forward.

I met individually with Mayor Heitmann and Vice Mayor Blankenship in May 2026. They both support the redevelopment of the Miracle Mile right of way, and authorized City Manager Gary Young to work on a plan with our group. The city staff members on the MMC are:

Gary Young. City Manager

George Yilmaz. Asst. City Manager-Infrastructure Critical and Public Works

Alison Bickett. Deputy Director Public Works, Engineering and Permitting

Miguel Flores. Project Manager

Kristina Majewski. Executive Assistant to the City Manager.

The MMC met on July 22 to restart and reframe the MM initiative. There are three areas of focus for our committee:

1. A long term master plan that addresses utility replacements/upgrades, storm water resiliency, street/curb/gutter replacements, additional green space, and enhanced ROW landscaping. We also want to develop a plan with FP&L to underground the power lines.
- 2.). Assuming the master plan will take some time to fund and execute, there are short term things we would like to work on: improved plantings in medians, replacement of broken/and cracked sidewalks, signage, streetlight consistency, short term drainage, and traffic calming.
- 3.). Placement and screening of service apparatus to include Fire Protection Backflow preventers, Fire Department Connections, and Electric Utility Boxes. There are several current examples on MM that are not pedestrian friendly. This topic is covered in the Design Review handbook but needs additional emphasis. The MMC desires to make the pedestrian's appearance and experience to be an exceptional one. The Four Seasons right of way is a benchmark for us.

It should be noted that these three areas of focus reflect the results of the Miracle Mile Community Service II responses from early this year.....463 of them.

The MMC met again on September. 3. An update on preliminary investigations and information gathering related to age and expected life of utilities was provided by staff. A decision was made to hire a contractor for video inspection of the sanitary, storm and water pipelines to verify age and conditions.

City Council conducted an annual Budget workshop on September 14. City Manager Young presented the MMC update to council and recommended funds be budgeted to begin working on our projects. It should also be mentioned that the Miracle Mile Master Plan was one of the limited items on the City Council Priority Ranking list. In short, our project is recognized and builds momentum at the city level.

The next MMC meeting is scheduled for Oct. 15, 2026. We will learn more about the funds that will be available to us, and we will continue to develop our long-term and short-term objectives.

I am pleased with the progress the MMC has made in the past four summer months. We are looking forward to engaging more stakeholders when the Season begins in November! The support of all our property owners is critical to turning this vision into reality.

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