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# Historic stone awaiting a new home

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## MOORESVILLE

A number of people from the public attended the Mooresville Town Council meeting Tuesday and voiced their opinions on several of the agenda items.

Virginia Perry, former Mooresville town council member and current county council member, gave a presentation on the historical stone relocation. The stone, along with a plaque, was removed from the corner of Indiana and Main streets during the Mooresville Redevelopment Commission's (RDC) Bicentennial Park construction. Although the



RDC plans to put the plaque back into the park, it has not yet decided whether to put the stone back.

According to her research, Perry

shared how the plaque and stone were originally placed there during the town's centennial celebration in

The stone and plaque honoring town founder Samuel Moore once sat at the intersection of East Main and Indiana streets. It was moved for construction on Bicentennial Park and its possible relocation became a topic of conversation at Tuesday's Mooresville Town Council meeting. File photo.

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1924 by town founder Samuel Moore's granddaughter Ida Fogleman.

If the stone would not be returned to its original place, she asked if it would be considered to have it be at the Mooresville Public Library because of its historical value. She said the library would be a great location because the library has most of Mooresville's history in its Hoosier Room and because it would allow for a lot of exposure to the public for viewing.

Member Dave Rogers agreed that if the stone could not be placed at the park, it should be moved to the library. Vice president Tom Warthen suggested it could be placed at the government center.

Several residents came forward to share their ideas on the stone's location. Steve Saucerman said he agreed with Rogers in that he would love to see the stone back in its original place.

"The plaque should stay there no matter what. But the stone also has some significance as part of the monument," Saucerman said. "That rock's been on the corner there

for 93 years and if it weren't there for our bicentennial in seven years, I think it would be a shame that we've lost something like that."

Tammy Raymond suggested the stone relocate to the government center, since it was the former building for the First United Methodist Church. Although she did not begin in that building, Samuel Moore's wife Eliza started the church and Raymond thought it would be a good idea to maintain that historical link.

Shane Williams spoke next, agreeing that the stone should go back to the center of the town.

"I also think it's an indicator ... of the redevelopment commission who fails to engage with the public yet again of what should be in the downtown park," Williams said. "I think it's time to do something with this redevelopment commission."

After much discussion, the council gave its blessing for Mathis to approach the RDC about what to do with the stone.

During several recent meetings, business owners in downtown Mooresville complained about the parking in front of

their stores. Dave Allen, owner of Allen and Son Barber Shop, has come to the council several times about construction workers parking in front of his shop, making it inconvenient for his customers.

The town council agreed to reinforce the two-hour parking for the downtown Mooresville area. Mathis asked Allen at Tuesday's meeting how he felt about the rule being enforced Monday through Friday only.

Allen said he was fine with it but did not know about the other shops around him. Mathis said he did not want to restrict customers on Saturdays so they would feel free to spend time browsing all of the shops. When Allen asked about having the sign say "For customers only," town attorney Tim Currens said the ordinance can only be two-hour parking.

When Mathis opened the meeting up for public comments, a resident asked the council several questions that she said other people in the town were wondering about as well. She asked about the bricks on the sidewalk along Indiana Street and what was going to happen with them. The council said the street department has them right now

and they tabled the discussion for what to do with them until the next meeting.

The resident also asked about the paving on Indiana Street, as RDC consultant Chelsey Manns said it would begin on Monday at the commission's Sept. 20 meeting, but that did not happen. Mathis said it would begin Wednesday.

Because of Ind. 267 and County Line Road being closed to truck drivers, she also asked if there was going to be signage indicating such. Mathis said there will be signs posted regarding the closure.

Other items on the agenda included approval for more road closures during Victorian Christmas, approval of a handicap parking sign for a resident's home on Harrison Street for only when she resides there, the approval for an Eagle Scout project involving posting flags near veterans' gravesites and approval for the pre-adoption for the 2018 budget.

The next town council meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at the government center, 4 E. Harrison St. in Mooresville. It will be preceded by an executive session at 5:30 p.m. for fire chief Tim Medsker's request to dismiss an employee.