



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Village Green Municipal
Building Council Chambers
47 Hall Street
July 5, 2016
6:30 p.m.

The meeting began at 6:30 pm. Those present included:

Committee Members and Council:

Jim Hrivnak, Chairman
Frank Bertone, Council
Brendan Newcomb, Council
Jon Bennehoof, Council
Daniel Swartwout, Council
Tom Counts, Council
Brian Lorenz, Mayor
Steve Lutz, City Manager
David Betz, Development Director

Staff:

Megan Canavan, Communications Director
Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk

And other interested parties.

Dick Fusch and Chris Shear (Citizen Representatives) were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

[June 7, 2016](#) - Minutes were approved as drafted.

Today's Business:

- **Grant Application Potentials** – Engineering Department: Dave Betz stated that the pre-screening application was submitted today for resurfacing the portions of Sawmill Parkway in our jurisdiction. If approved, the grant would be issued in the future, around 2021.
- **Keep Powell Moving initiative Update:** The community open house was held on June 28th. There were approximately 30 residents and Staff present. The general consensus was that it went well, Staff was well prepared, and the residents provided a lot of input. There is a follow up meeting to discuss the outcome of the open house with the consultants next Wednesday.

Things to consider in the future will be to define what the priority projects are and a funding source. There was also some concern about how to reach more residents with the status of this initiative. Megan Canavan stated that MurphyEpson is coming up with some proposals on how to reach more people as well as how to make our message consistent across the board. MurphyEpson is preparing a video on the Keep Powell Moving campaign.

Councilman Bennehoof stated that he had asked Chris Huber, City Engineer, for a proposal for the possibility of one-way streets in the northwest quadrant of the City to ease traffic congestion and control traffic speed. Mr. Betz stated he would look into it but, in general, the City prefers to keep two-way streets and resolve traffic congestion and speed issues through widening streets and adding sidewalks.

Councilman Bennehoof also stated that residents had voiced concerns with collaborative parking, or pass-through parking, as a potential thoroughfare to get to a traffic light and avoid using the road. Councilman Hrivnak mentioned that some parking lots do not have straight pass-throughs to get to a light as a way to address this issue.

- [Armita Plaza Development Plan Ordinance](#): Councilman Bennehoof previously raised a concern regarding the color of the building. He also voiced a concern over incorporating some sort of a theme for development in the City and cited 50 S. Liberty or the development across the street where Old Bag of Nails is located. Mr. Betz said that he had hoped to have Chris Meyers, City Architect, attend tonight's meeting to address this issue, but Mr. Meyers was out of town and unavailable. Mr. Betz related that it was Mr. Meyers' vision that Armita didn't blend in too much with the surrounding sights. He wanted it to have an eclectic mix using similar architectural features. Councilman Bennehoof continues to question the use of the color red, but otherwise likes the project and thinks that additional landscaping may 'soften' the color.

Steve Lutz, City Manager, distributed Ordinance 2016-25 with an amendment to Section 1.3 to clarify that condition. Mr. Betz mentioned that the applicant is working on the eight proposed conditions with no problems. The applicant will also be a tenant.

Old Business:

- Murphy Parkway Pathway Rail Crossing Approval – Status: Mr. Betz stated that we are still waiting to hear back on this.
- Murphy Parkway Construction Update: Mr. Betz related that the project is currently on schedule and completion is expected around mid-September. Currently trees are being planted along the existing portion of Murphy's Parkway.
- Bike Path Engineering – Status Update: Mr. Betz said that Engineering expects to bid out the contract for repairs in August.
- Grace Drive Signals Engineering Update: Mr. Betz related that it is under Staff review and a response is expected in the next couple of weeks.
- Seldom Seen / Liberty Intersection Safety Grant Application – Status: Mr. Betz stated that the City expects to hear back on the status of the application within the next 30 days.

New Business:

There was none.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.