



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal
Building Council Chambers
47 Hall Street

March 6, 2018

6:30 p.m.

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Those present included:

Committee Members and Council: Frank Bertone, Chairman; Councilmembers Brendan Newcomb, Daniel Swartwout, and Melissa Riggins; Shawn Boysko, P&Z Representative; Steve Lutz, City Manager and Dave Betz, Development Director. Mayor Jon Bennehoof arrived late. Chris Shear, Citizen Representative, was absent.

Staff/Others: Jim Hrivnak, Powell CIC Chair; Chris Huber, City Engineer; Aaron Scott, Staff Engineer; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk; and other interested parties.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 6, 2018 were approved.

Today's Business

- **2018 Sidewalk Program Project Areas:** Mr. Huber explained the annual process of identifying primary areas for sidewalk repair within the City and how it is partnered to follow recent street intersection repairs in an effort to economize resources and expenses. Last year there were no major street repairs. Although the Engineering Department has identified an area that it could do a sidewalk program in 2018, along Murphy Parkway, Mr. Huber felt that the condition of the sidewalks were such that it wasn't quite ripe for repair, could be held off, and re-evaluated in 2019 for repairs within the 2019 Sidewalk Program.

ACTION ITEM: After discussion, the Committee agreed to delay the 2018 Sidewalk Program and re-evaluate the proposed area for inclusion in the 2019 Sidewalk Program.

Seldom Seen Road Repair: Mr. Huber reported that Council will be looking at Ordinance 2018-13 tonight which is seeking approval to enter into a contract with the county to jointly repave Seldom Seen Road from the S-curve east to Liberty Street. The street falls within both jurisdictions and it is more cost effective and efficient to make the repairs at the same time. The City and county will separately pay for the expenses of the mill and overlay that fall within their respective jurisdictions. The City's cost will be approximately \$104,000.

- **Committee Goal Spreadsheet:** Mr. Betz reviewed the goals that were identified at the Strategic Goals Session.
 1. **Marketing Analysis (beneficial businesses)/Housing Assessment:** Powell CIC is interested in helping with this study and its funding. Mr. Betz stated that he has already been working with a company on a proposal but they are still working through the scope of the potential work. This could be a late 2018 deliverable.
 2. **Annexation/Growth Corridors:** Mr. Betz believes this is a subset of Goal No. 3.
 3. **Sawmill Parkway Development North of Home Road:** The CEDA allows annexation north of Home Road and development of the area is covered in the Comprehensive Plan. The committee may want to identify possible threats or opportunities for this area, as well as any of the growth areas, to see if our Comprehensive Plan continues to address City needs. Mr. Betz suggested an annual review.

4. *Prioritize Future Bike Path Construction* - OPAL has provided the City with feedback on the City's plan for future construction of bike paths. There is a need to prioritize the public funding portion of the proposed paths and is something that could be done fairly quickly.
5. *Downtown Parking* – Staff prepared a study about how parking is utilized, recommendations for parking in the future, and recently presented it to P&Z. It is ready to be presented to Council or committee. Mr. Hrivnak suggested the traffic study be presented to the Chamber as well.
6. *Keep Powell Moving Wayfinding* – This is a multi-year implementation goal. This is another document that should be re-visited annually to insure the goals continue to meet the needs of the City.
7. *Economic Development/Economic Development Director/Empty Storefronts* – Mr. Betz believes this is a subset of Goal No. 1.
8. *City/Township Relationship* – A continuation to look for opportunities to align where we can.
9. *Expansion of Seldom Seen Park Complex* – this is more of working through the phases beyond phases 1-3 that are already in process.

ACTION ITEM: After discussion, the Committee agreed to make Goal 2 a subset of Goal 3 and Goal 7 a subset of Goal 1; Staff will present the traffic study that was presented to P&Z to the Development Committee in April. Mr. Betz will update the Committee goals and email to the group.

New Business

- Liberty-Jewett Intersection Closure: Councilman Bertone said he understands the improvement is slated to be done over the summer and expressed concerns about the timing of it at the end of one school season and the beginning of the other, as well as how it affects the Four Corners traffic flow. Some concerns were voiced as well about if the timing coincided with the Seldom Seen Road repairs.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Huber stated that he would have a meeting with the county to get a definitive time line for the intersection and determine if there was any additional signage the City could utilize during that closure for alternate routes.

Old Business

- Liberty/Grace Dr. Traffic Signal: Engineering is working on the bid book and plans to bid that within the next week or so. Mr. Huber anticipates being able to award that bid and have the awarded contact available for review at the first April Council meeting.

Adjournment - Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.