



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Village Green Municipal
Building Council Chambers
47 Hall Street
May 1, 2018
6:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members: Frank Bertone, Chairman; Daniel Swartwout, Councilman; Melissa Riggins, Councilwoman; Shawn Boysko, P&Z Representative; Steve Lutz, City Manager; Dave Betz, Development Director. The Citizen Representative seat is vacant.

Staff/Others: Jon Bennehoof, Mayor; Tom Counts, Councilman (both joined the meeting following Executive Session); Rocky Kambo, Assistant Director of Development; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk and other interested parties.

The Committee moved into Executive Session per Ohio Rev. Code Section 121.22(G)(1) Employment Matters to discuss the vacant Citizen Representative position and candidates interviewed.

Regular Session began at 6:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of April 2, 2018 were approved.

Today's Business

- **Presentation of the Downtown Parking Survey, Census and Study:** Messrs. Betz and Kambo reviewed the Downtown Parking Survey, Census and Study that was presented to Planning & Zoning last year. Downtown parking has previously been identified as a goal of this committee in the goal setting session earlier this year. It was also used for the Code update.
- Mr. Betz explained that the study was conducted by taking a census of existing parking spaces and figuring out how those spaces are being used. This was accomplished by taking an actual count of cars during different times, dates and seasons. From there, it was mapped out, and the results were compiled into this study.
- Mr. Kambo explained some of the findings, including: evenings around 6:00 p.m., or special events like Powell Fest, consistently seems to be the peak utilization period. While some lots are heavily parked during that peak time period, overall, most parking spaces are underutilized.
- Recommendations: More shared parking among business owners; beautify streetscapes, better signage, publically maintained parking; more buildings, less parking.

There was discussion about whether there would be a loss of parking if Olentangy Street were reconfigured as outlined in the Keep Powell Moving Plan; public maintenance of private lots and if there were other communities that utilized this system in Central Ohio; how to encourage current business owners to share parking; and the cost of liability insurance versus the cost of building new parking. Suggestions were made for items that could be accomplished this year, including striping, signage and trying to get shared parking agreements among downtown business owners.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee would like Staff to explore the expense of some of the suggested items that could be accomplished this year and bring it back to the Committee for consideration.

Old Business

Councilman Bertone reminded the Committee that the Goals spreadsheet was a living document

and could be amended at any time if anyone had suggestions/edits/additions.

ACTION ITEM: Staff will provide Councilwoman Riggins a copy of the Goals spreadsheet.

New Business

There was none.

Adjournment - Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.