



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal
Building Council Chambers
47 Hall Street
March 5, 2019
6:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members: Frank Bertone, Chairman; Daniel Swartwout, Melissa Riggins, Councilmembers; David Betz, Development Director; Shawn Boysko, P&Z Representative; Nicole Scott & David Lester, Citizen Representatives. Steve Lutz, City Manager, was absent.

Staff/Others: Brendan Newcomb, Councilman; Chris Huber, City Engineer; John Moorehead, Assistant City Engineer; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk; and other interested parties.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 5, 2019 were approved as written.

New Business

- **Establishing an Open Container District (DORA) in the Downtown.** Mr. Betz explained that this issue has been discussed over the last several meetings in an effort to understand what a DORA is, what it can and cannot do, and if it can be an effective way to attract people into the downtown area. The DORA would permit a community to create an outdoor refreshment area, with a minimum of four permit holders and in an area under 150 acres. The City has envisioned using this in conjunction with special events. There was some mention of exploring the possibility of two DORAs, one to the west and one to the east. Because it will affect the liquor license holders, as well as potentially other businesses in the area, they have been invited to share their thoughts, questions and concerns. The City has the space and can meet the minimum requirements needed to create a DORA district. It will require Council passing an ordinance establishing the requirements as allowed under the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Betz stated that even if the City does not move forward with the DORA, the Engineer's Office has put together some suggested pedestrian safety improvements that should still be implemented. He went on to say that there is no timeline to establish this DORA, but at the earliest, it wouldn't be until 2020.

ACTION PLAN: A list of questions raised during the meeting will be drafted, circulated and amended as needed. Staff will also provide the Committee with a list of places in the local area where events are being held within a DORA district.

- **Downtown Pedestrian Improvements.** Chairman Bertone requested the Committee review the Pedestrian Crossing information provided in the packets. These are items that are not funded this year, but ideas/concepts and possibilities to consider going forward to enhance pedestrian safety. Mr. Boysko asked if any of these could be rolled into the Four Corners improvements this year. Mr. Huber said that some items from Option 1 could be rolled in at the same time, such as striping.

Mr. Moorehead explained the three levels of improvements. Option 1, the cheapest, will refresh what the City currently has and will add a few additional signs. Option 2 is an enhancement to what we have, changing striping to larger, thicker lines and adding flashing, push-button crosswalk signs. Option 3, the most expensive, includes therna plastic brick product at the crosswalks. No one in the City loves

it because it wears out pretty quickly and would need to be refreshed routinely.

- N. Liberty & Scioto Streets Storm Sewer Reconstruction Consultant Choice. Mr. Huber stated the consensus was to stay with CW Design Group. Staff is moving forward with finalizing the proposal documents and he hopes to start surveying next week.
- Home Road/Sawmill Parkway Signal Maintenance Responsibility & Signage Needs. Mr. Huber confirmed that the signal and four quads came into the City with the OSU annexation last month. The City will continue to monitor the intersection. Delaware County will continue to coordinate the timing for the school crossing and the entire corridor.

Next Meeting – Chairman Bertone and Mr. Betz will re-visit 2018-2019 Committee goals to ensure the Committee is on track for year end.

Adjournment - Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.