



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Village Green Municipal
Building Council Chambers
47 Hall Street
April 2, 2019
7:00 p.m.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. Those present included:

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

Staff/Others: Brendan Newcomb, Councilman; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk; and other interested parties.

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

New Business

- **Establishing an Open Container District (DORA) in the Downtown.** Discussions continued regarding the possibility of establishing a DORA district within the downtown area. Mr. Betz proposed creating a DORA subcommittee of 1 or 2 members, along with Staff, who could meet with the business owners and respond to questions, continue the discussion, and report back to the Committee of its recommendations for moving forward. Mr. Betz proposed a timeline of about 3 to 4 months to complete the process.

Subcommittee members selected are David Lester, Daniel Swartwout, and Nicole Scott. Frank Bertone also volunteered if broader representation is needed.

Councilman Swartwout suggested that the committee consider weighing the pros and cons of a DORA prior to moving too far along in the process. Questions were also raised about potential parking issues, liability insurance, and legislative procedure to implement the district.

ACTION PLAN: The DORA subcommittee will plan to hold the first meeting prior to the next Development Committee meeting in May. Mr. Lester asked to have information regarding budgets/finances from other municipalities with an established DORA provided prior to the first meeting with business owners.

Adjournment - Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.