



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal
Building Council Chambers
47 Hall Street
May 6, 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; Steve Lutz, City Manager; David Betz, Development Director; Nicole Scott & David Lester, Citizen Representatives. Shawn Boysko, P&Z Representative was absent.

Staff/Others: Jon Bennehoof, Mayor; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Chris Huber, City Engineer; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk; Rich Irelan, Olentangy Rotary Club; Dan O'Brien, The Retreat HOA representative; and other interested parties.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of April 2, 2019 were approved as written.

New Business:

- **Rotary Club Night at the Races Inside Council Chambers for Powell Festival.** Mr. Betz introduced Rich Irelan from the Olentangy Rotary Club who is proposing adding a Night at the Races in Council Chambers during Friday night (proposing 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) of Powell Fest. They would have food and drink available while showing 10 harness races on the screen. They sell horse names and there would be a cash prize for the race winner(s). Rotary would get half the proceeds and would give Powell Festival 33% of their net proceeds, up to \$1,000. Rotary will provide their own tables and chairs, and agrees to provide cleaning and carpet cleaning after the event. The Committee approved moving forward with this event.
- **Proposed Retreat Subdivision Planned Overlay Zoning Text.** Dan O'Brien, HOA representative for The Retreat explained that their deed restrictions will expire on 1/1/2020. The HOA is looking at the possibility of putting together text for a planned overlay district. Mr. O'Brien stated that MKSK is preparing the formal covenants and if The Retreat homeowners approve it, they hope to present it for rezoning to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Council in the fall, in hopes of having it become effective as the current deed restrictions expire.
- **Proposed Right-of-Way Ordinance.** Mr. Betz and Mr. Huber explained that Staff would like to draft a proposed right-of-way ordinance to establish permitting and allowances within the public rights-of-way. It would give the City some control while allowing it to recoup costs through fees. With approval by the Committee to move forward, Mr. Huber hopes to have something to bring to Council by year-end. The Committee approved moving forward.
- **Establishing an Open Container District (DORA) in the Downtown.** Mr. Betz reviewed a Q&A sheet based on questions asked so far. He also updated the Committee on the recent meeting he had with liquor permit holders. Mr. Betz intends to schedule another DORA Subcommittee meeting to include the Chamber of Commerce in order to gain their perspective and get the Q&A sheet out to the permit holders. Chairman Bertone suggested that the DORA Subcommittee start to frame some of the slides that will eventually go to Council.

Ms. Canavan mentioned that she and Ms. Mitchell recently met the Assistant City Manager of

Worthington who offered to attend a Development Committee meeting or DORA Subcommittee meeting to discuss their DORA that has been in place for the last few years.

Mayor Bennehoof expressed concern over safety issues because of the lack of infrastructure.

Status Report:

- Seldom Seen Park Construction Update: The playground equipment began to arrive, and is being installed.

New Business:

- Mr. Lester inquired as to the status of the proposed library at Home & Steitz Roads. Mr. Betz stated that the developers are going to Planning & Zoning on May 8th with a development plan for everything but the library. The developers have a letter of intent from the library to buy the property and by the time Council receives the development plan, as well as the annexation, there should be something more tangible.

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