



## MINUTES

### DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal Building  
Council Chambers  
47 Hall Street  
August 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; Nicole Scott, Citizen Representative. David Betz, Development Director and David Lester, Citizen Representative; and Shawn Boysko, P&Z Representative were absent.

**Staff/Others:** Jon Bennehoof, Mayor; Brendan Newcomb, Councilman; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Rocky Kambo, Assistant Director of Development; Chris Huber, City Engineer; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk; Pam Miller, Executive Director, Powell Area Chamber of Commerce; and other interested parties.

**Approval of Minutes** – Chairman Bertone made one change to the minutes of July 6, 2019. The minutes were approved as amended.

#### **New Business**

- **2019 Pavement Marking Program:** Mr. Huber went over the proposed area for refreshing the pavement markings. The designated areas were on the main streets as well as the crosswalks and parking spaces in the downtown area. Mr. Huber explained that he is in the process of getting quotes. He would like to receive one more, from Griffin Paving, before moving forward. The anticipated cost is \$20,000 or less and the timeline is later this summer.
- **Establishing an Open Container District (DORA) in the Downtown:** Mr. Kambo updated the Committee on the Subcommittee's drafted application process, proposed DORA area, and proposed legislation. There is a two-step process: legislation and implementation. The Committee felt that finalizing the legislation was the first step, followed by picking an event to implement and fine-tune it. Mr. Kambo reminded the Committee these special events should be set up and run by our Chamber of Commerce or businesses, not by the City. The City is putting it in place as a tool for them to use for their benefit. Councilman Swartwout suggested an additional sticker that says, "DORA not sold here" in the event there was someone that did not want to participate during a DORA event. Mr. Richardson also suggested a "DORA app" that could be downloaded to a smart device that could outline the boundaries and other pertinent information.

**ACTION PLAN:** A subcommittee will be formed before the next Development Committee meeting to work on reviewing and finalizing the draft legislation to present to Council.

- **Super Car Charging Stations Project with EV United at Giant Eagle Center:** Mr. Kambo introduced Tom Richardson from EV United who is proposing fronting 90% of the costs of installing super car charging stations in the Giant Eagle Shopping Center as well as the maintenance for the first five years. The Powell CIC will provide the remaining 10% of the installation cost. There is a grant available through AEP that will provide up to a \$150,000 in reimbursement of the installation cost and will be available through the end of 2019 as long as installation is completed before the end of 2019. Since Giant Eagle is not on City property, an easement would

need to be granted to the City for this. Giant Eagle and the property owners are onboard; however, AEP would need to approve it since it is not on City property. Alternatively, the City could use City property, such as a park, school, library or other City-owned property, for the installation. The estimated timeframe from application approval to installation is 6 to 8 weeks.

**ACTION PLAN:** The committee gave a thumbs-up on starting the application process, working with Giant Eagle to secure an easement and AEP for approval of the location, with the possibility of using Seldom Seen Park as an alternative location.

- Seldom Seen Park Development Staff Update: Messrs. Lutz and Huber reported that the building and fencing have been completed. Thomas & Marker should have already had the playground completed but they are just getting the boulders in this week and it has caused a delay. The playground equipment should be installed by the end of August.

Trucco would like to have the playground installation done prior to doing the paving; however, due to the amount of time it has taken to get the playground in, they may move forward with doing it this month. The timeline for opening the park is Spring 2020.

**Adjournment** - Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.