



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal Building
Council Chambers
47 Hall Street

October 1, 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 & David Lester, Citizen Representatives; Shawn Boysko, P&Z Representative; David Betz, Development Director.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 3, 2019 were approved as written.

Today's Business

- **CSX/Murphy Parkway Pedestrian Crossing Update – CSX Request:** Mr. Betz updated the Committee about a communication he had with the Project Engineer at CSX who asked if the City wanted to keep the force account open. Nothing has been done on the project in over a year and a half due to lack of funding. If the City does not move forward in 2020 with the final engineering, CSX would like to remove the project from their pending account and refund the City its \$7,000 of unused funds. The force account could then be opened up later if funding becomes available. CSX will continue to approve the project into the future, except if there is any changes in the law that would prohibit it.

ACTION PLAN: This matter will be placed on next month's agenda and the City Engineer will provide a cost estimate for final engineering to the Committee.

- **Legislation - Establishing an Open Container District (DORA) in the Downtown:** Tonight is the first reading of the DORA legislation before Council. There will be a brief presentation. The implementation strategy is still in progress and will need to be in place within 30 days from adoption of the Ordinance.
- **Super Car Charging Stations Project With EV United at Giant Eagle Center:** The City has received pre-approval. Mr. Betz has site visits scheduled next week with all the parties to go over the details.
- **Wayfinding Signage Discussion:** Ms. Canavan presented a proposal from a graphic designer for wayfinding signs based on the implementation step set forth in the Keep Powell Moving plan and the new graphic standards launched in early 2019. The purpose is to have uniform signs to take traffic to different destinations within the downtown area as well as to reroute traffic around the Four Corners. Staff is looking for feedback from the Committee to see if this is something it felt Staff should focus on and budgeting for as a priority in 2020.

ACTION PLAN: Ms. Canavan will communicate with some other communities (Dublin/Worthington) to get a feel for their costs for implementation to help the Committee with the budget conversation moving forward.

- **Four Corners Turn Restriction Signage Status:** Mr. Huber reported that the signs were in and will be installed by Public Service early next week. Ms. Canavan will issue a press release tomorrow morning. Mr. Lutz stated that after the installation, the Police Department will actively enforce it, first issuing warnings during the first week and issuing citations after that.
- **Seldom Seen Park Development - Staff Update:** Mr. Huber stated that Trucco paved the parking lot, did the striping and are currently installing benches, bike racks, trees, and wetland plantings. They will do some seeding next week where patching was done. Mr. Lutz added that he thought the park would be substantially completed in about three weeks.
- **General New Development Updates:** There will be a new office and daycare project at Seldom Seen and

Liberty Roads discussed at the next P&Z meeting. There will be a new concept for Carmendy Electric on S. Liberty Road of a few live/work units and a few apartments. Redwood has withdrawn their annexation petition, but would still like to continue to go through P&Z Commission for their plan.

Pending Business

- Bicycle Friendly Community: This is a new item that was given to the Committee from Operations Committee and at the request of OPAL.
- Adventure Park/CSX Tunnel Monitoring: There is an outstanding estimate for repair of approximately \$300,000, but the City lacks the funding to move forward.
- Locking Swimming Pool Covers versus Fence requirements – P&Z Reviewing: That is still being looked at by Planning & Zoning Commission.

New Business

- Councilwoman Riggins reported that COTA partners with Dublin businesses to provide a circulator bus, called the Dublin Workforce, which offers public transportation into Dublin from Columbus for Dublin employees and wondered if Powell could consider a similar thing for the employees of Powell businesses as a way to draw the workforce to Powell. Chairman Bertone suggested putting that on the table at the Goal Setting Session for the entire group in January.

Adjournment - Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.