



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal Building
Council Chambers
47 Hall Street
July 7, 2020
6:30 p.m.

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m. Those present included:

Committee Members: Brian Lorenz, Chairman; Heather Karr & Melissa Riggins, Councilmembers; Andrew White, City Manager; Rocky Kambo, Assistant Director of Development (via telephone); David Lester, Citizen Representative; Shawn Boysko, P&Z Representative. Donald J. DePalma, Citizen Representative was absent.

Staff/Others: Frank Bertone, Mayor; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Deputy Chief, Ron Sallows; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk; and other interested parties.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 3, 2020 were approved as written.

Today's Business

- **June 26 & 17 DORA Event Recap.** Ms. Canavan updated the committee of the results of the event. Most businesses felt the event was a success, as did the police department, as reported by Deputy Chief Sallows who reported that the officers enjoyed the expanded interaction with the community. Some suggested items for improving future DORA events include:
 - additional sanitary stations,
 - closing Depot Street all the way up to Case Road,
 - mirroring the hours of the DORA to the establishment business hours,
 - changing the DORA status from a business-sponsored event to a City-sponsored event,
 - doing a cost-benefit analysis,
 - doing some events partnering with a nonprofit charity,
 - and adding more wayfinding signage.

ACTION PLAN: Councilman Lorenz recommended to do another one at the end of July, adding multiple days (Wed. through Sat. or Thurs. through Sun.), and adding more sanitizing stations. Mr. White will poll some of the businesses and report back.

- **Bicycle Friendly Community – Naming Trails Project.** Mr. Kambo went over the three maps that were distributed showing the current existing bike paths, the proposed trails and the bike paths map from OPAL. Mr. Kambo also provided the bike path rules as provided in our existing code. Mr. Kambo felt trail naming should be taken to a subcommittee for suggestions. OPAL requested that any trail that had a name already outside of Powell should have that name continued within the City limits. Mr. Lester suggested using the public, perhaps through social media, as a tool to help name the paths. Mr. White also mentioned the need for some repair on some of the trails and suggested collaborating with others (i.e. schools, township, etc.) regarding themes (i.e. Safe Route to School program) to get some additional funding to get these paths repaired.

ACTION PLAN: The committee agreed to establish a subcommittee to suggest trail names and directed Mr. Kambo to come up with about 5-6 people to be a part of that subcommittee, as well as the possibility of expanding funding revenues through partnerships.

Adjournment - Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.