

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Karr called the December 5, 2023, Development Committee meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Committee members present included Heather Karr, Council Representative; David Lester, Council Representative; and Mayor Dan Swartwout, Council Representative. Absent from the meeting was Shaun Simpson, Citizen Representative. Staff present included Sean Hughes, Economic Development Director; Jeffrey Tyler, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director and Andrew White, City Manager.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes from the November 8, 2023, Development Committee Meeting.

<u>MOTION:</u> Dan Swartwout moved to approve the Minutes from the November 8, 2023, Development Committee Meeting. David Lester seconded. Motion passed.

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3. TODAY'S BUSINESS

a. 2023 Development Committee Year in Review

Assistant City Manager Jeff Tyler provided an outline of the projects and accomplishments for the Development Committee and Community Development Department for 2023. He discussed the 35 North Liberty Street Demolition which he discussed receiving grants from ODOD. The EV Charging stations were installed and this was work by both the Powell Development Committee, as well as the Development Committee. The Economic Development Strategy was passed through Resolution by City Council. This strategy resulted in the hiring of Sean Hughes, Economic Development Administrator. The Downtown Community Reinvestment Area is the first time the City of Powell installed a CRA as an economic development incentive. This created the agreement with COhatch to develop the 50 E. Olentangy site. The Small Cell Guidelines was a collaborative effort between the engineering department, public service department and planning department. The Lechler Building request for qualifications was completed and will be presented before Council at the December 5, 2023 meeting. Once approved by Council the process of starting the renovations to the building can begin. Entitlement Review Streamlining is an on-going effort. Sign Code update is a 2024 initiative. Complete Streets was a collaborative effort by engineering, public service and planning to come up with a policy. He discussed two Zoning Code amendments relating to special events and noxious or dangerous uses. The Downtown Commercial Façade Improvement Program was part of the Development Committee and Powell Development

Corporation. He plans to have applications and forms ready to go next year to provide to the community. This is a companion to the Downtown Residential Renovation Program. He discussed the Placemaking Presentation regarding the potential redevelopment of Village Green. Wayfinding Scope of Services was the last item discussed by the committee and currently working on having the RFQ ready to go later in the week and have proposals submitted in January. One item not completed was the Comprehensive Plan Update and how the Thoroughfare Plan will go together.

He reviewed the matrix that was developed in the beginning of 2023 as a guide to move projects forward. It has line items that will need to be developed in 2024. In 2024 a new matrix will be developed to provide additional guidance to staff.

Mayor Swartwout expressed his gratitude to staff on their work this year. He also recognized Chairperson Karr's work leading the meeting. Council Representative David Lester feels this was a successful 12 months on the Development Committee. Chairperson Karr thanked staff for their work.

Jeff Tyler provided a quick introduction of Sean Hughes, Economic Development Administrator.

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

a. NEXT MEETING DATE: February 6, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

<u>MOTION:</u> Dan Swartwout moved to adjourn the Development Committee meeting. David Lester seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Elaine McCloskey,

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