

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting
July 9, 2012

Members: Carrie Snyder, Chair
Vince Rubino
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mrs. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the May 21, 2012 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Res. A-71

Temp. Res. A-72

Discussion:

Temp. Res. A-71

A resolution expressing Council's support for establishment of the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation and Summit County's application for funding from the "Moving Ohio Forward" grant program, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated her comments would address both A-71 and A-72. These resolutions are in regard to the Attorney General's Move Ohio Forward Grant Program. Summit County is taking a lead in this to request \$3.7 million. The program highlights abandoned properties which have impacted property values in the County. So far, 19 cities and villages are participating in the County's program. Each participating community must support and commit to the program. Akron committed \$800,000, Barberton committed \$430,000, and Springfield committed \$100,000. Other communities are committing \$10,000 each. By providing this commitment, the community will receive double the money back. Cuyahoga Falls is committing \$10,000 and will receive \$20,000. Seven properties have been identified for demolition and funds must be used by the end of 2013. It is a good program. The \$10,000 would come from the capital projects fund. Mrs. Pyke asked if the seven properties would still be demolished if the City does not receive the funding. Mrs. Truby stated they will attempt to do them. They can do some with \$10,000 but can do more with \$20,000. Eligible properties can be located anywhere in the City. They must be abandoned and vacant. Mrs. Pyke requested a list of those properties.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out A-71 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Rubino. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. A-72

A resolution approving the Director of Community Development's Commitment of local matching dollars toward an application for funding from the "Moving Ohio Forward" grant program, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Snyder stated that Mrs. Truby already covered everything in the discussion under A-71. There were no further questions or comments.

Mr. Rubino moved to bring out A-72 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed (3-0).

Before she adjourned, Mrs. Snyder had a comment to make regarding Portage Crossing. She had contacted Mrs. Truby a couple weeks ago about site maintenance regarding weeds on the property and was told it was difficult to mow because the uneven, rugged terrain would damage the mowers and equipment. Mrs. Snyder stated she went by the property the other day and was happy to see it had been maintained. She felt it was very important for a city with a policy on weed control to maintain its own city properties to the same standard.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.