

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting

January 20, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Weinhardt, Chair, at 7:13 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Without objection, minutes of the meetings of November 17, 2014, December 1, 2014 and December 15, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Agenda Items

Temp. Ord. B-11

An ordinance authorizing the Community Development Director to apply for and enter into an agreement for a 2015 Certified Local Government Grant authorizing the payment of the local share, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair asked Sara Leedham, Deputy Director of Community Development, whether the certified local government grant is for a historic district, and whether it requires approval of Council. Ms. Leedham stated that this is correct.

The Chair asked if the survey of the involved properties has been updated. Ms. Leedham stated that a plan was developed in 2006 and 2007, but it was not implemented. The purpose of this grant is to update the original plan and implement it.

The Chair asked if a historic district has not already been created. Ms. Leedham stated it has not been created.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if the Historic Preservation Committee would review this plan to determine the boundaries of the historic district. Ms. Leedham stated that the boundaries will be determined at the Design Review Board, then to approval by the Planning Commission, and then by the Council. Ms. Pyke asked if the grant will be applied for before the boundaries are determined by the Design & Review Board. Ms. Leedham stated

that the Design & Review Board will review the proposal first, and then it will “go through that approval process. The Plan itself will make the recommendation.” Mrs. Pyke asked what the grant money will be used for. Ms. Leedham stated it will be used to update the 2006/2007 plan and re-establish boundaries. The Design Review Committee will review the newly re-established boundaries. Mrs. Pyke asked what the grant will pay for. Ms. Leedham stated the grant money will pay for the plan. Mrs. Pyke asked who will be drawing up the plan. Ms. Leedham stated this has not been established. No one will be hired until the grant is received. The grant is in the amount of \$5,400 and the City will be required to provide a match of \$3,600 which will be is CDBG funds. Mrs. Pyke stated that members had been informed that the Design Review Board will choose the boundaries of the historic district. Ms. Leedham stated that the Design Review Board will ultimately decide the issue. Mrs. Pyke asked who will provide the criteria for the plan. Ms. Leedham stated that the Planning Director would need to respond to that.

The Chair recognized a member of the public (no identification given), who asked if there will be some sort of professional architectural or planning input into the plan. Mrs. Pyke stated that there is an historic architect on the Design Review Board.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to release Temp. Ord. B-11 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Colavecchio. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-12

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition to accept a Strategic Initiative grant, including payment of the City’s local share, to complete the Mill Pond-Mud Brook Greenway Master Plan; and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by Deputy Community Development Director Sara Leedham. Ms. Leedham stated that the City is acquiring Mill Pond as part of the Menards development. Mill Pond will be restricted use for passive recreation. The

proposed plan will identify: 1) ways to protect natural resources in the area, 2) storm water management opportunities 3) ways to put in a trail and other passive form of recreation, and 4) establish connectivity opportunities with local neighborhoods and existing trails.

The Chair asked when the project will start. Ms. Leedham stated that a Request for Qualifications was issued. There were two respondents—GPD and EDG. A selection committee of three people, the Planning Director, the Parks & Recreation Director, and Mr. Rice from Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, reviewed the responses and selected EDG. EDG will begin work upon approval of this ordinance and the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

The Chair asked if the Plan has been completed. Ms. Leedham stated it has not been completed.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, Dan Rice, 1622 Grant Ave., who stated that despite his appointment to the Planning Commission, there is no connection between his role there and the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition's award of this grant.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to release Temp. Ord. B-12 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Colavecchio. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Robert Weinhardt, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council