

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
April 5, 2010

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Mader was absent.

The minutes from the March 1, 2010 and March 15, 2010 Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-46

Discussion

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An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract and/or contracts, according to law, to facilitate Phase II Environmental Assessments for the former Mud Run Gun Club, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Guerra stated this is a grant from the Ohio Department of Development through the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund for \$136,105. It will be used to complete the Phase II environmental assessments. They will be looking at the historical use of the property over a 20 to 30 year period to see how much lead there is. They will be looking at both City-owned and privately-owned property. The majority of the contamination is on the City-owned property. The plan for the City's property is to eventually house a trailhead. The private property will be single family housing, which was approved three years ago. Once the Phase II is finished, it will allow the City to look closer at the property which will allow them to come back with plans. Mr. Guerra stated that approval should be received in April or May, and they will then hire an environmental consultant so that an environmental assessment can be done in June/July. Mr. Walters asked if the contamination was all lead or was it also a dump site. Mr. Guerra stated it was all lead, and added that it could include the creek. Phase I was basically a historical review of the property. It allowed the City to look at what the property had been used for. This grant will cover 100% of Phase II. Mrs. Colavecchio stated she would assume that the previous approval for the proposed subdivision on the private property would be expiring at some point and asked if an extension would be granted. Mr. Guerra stated that an extension has not been granted. They do not have any plans to build the subdivision that was previously approved by the Planning Commission. Mrs. Colavecchio asked if he knew when the approval was due to expire. Mr. Guerra stated if it hasn't already, it will shortly. At the latest, it would probably be this fall. Mrs. Colavecchio asked how much of the acreage was City-owned. Mr. Guerra stated that of the 14 acres involved, the City owns approximately 4-½ to 5 acres. The balance is privately-owned, and the creek is owned by the City. He added that the City has already received the grant. This just allows the Mayor to sign the Grant Agreement. Once that happens, it will be sent back to the State and the work will be bid out. It should take 30 days and they will start the Phase II work around June. Mrs. Hummel asked if there had been any shooting on the private property. Mr. Guerra did not believe so but it is part of the application. There may have been some shooting towards the east. There is also a metal pole barn that may have contamination. Mrs. Hummel asked if the Phase II assessment would be the final stage before remediation begins or would another grant be applied for. Mr. Guerra stated they would apply for a grant. In order to apply for state funds, the City needs to have a VAT. Mrs. Hummel asked if any of that money was still out there. Mr. Guerra stated it was. Mr. Walters asked if there could be sediment contamination downstream in Mud Brook. Mr. Guerra stated there could be but more than likely, they will find it goes to the bottom and stays there. They think most of the contamination is across the stream but there is also some on the south side of the stream.

David Kingle, a resident at 13th and Lincoln, asked how the State Road project could move forward without School Board approval. Mr. Walters stated that was a separate subject from what this legislation was addressing. Mr. Ihasz offered Mr. Kingle an opportunity to speak during the Public Affairs Committee after this meeting adjourned.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-46.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.