

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
December 18, 2006

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of December 4, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Ord. A-158

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-158

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts with a firm or firms to provide professional services for the design and documentation of the Mud Brook Trail Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James read A-158 (second reading). Parks & Rec Superintendent Darrell Lovelette said this ordinance allows for design work to be performed by Floyd Browne Group (formerly EDG).

Mrs. Colavecchio asked if there are plans for public input on the project. Mayor Robart said he welcomes any public input and will give it to the consultants.

Burt Wilfong (3517 E. Prescott Circle) read a statement, requesting that it be included in the record (see attached). He recommended an entrance to the trail at the northeast corner of the Hunter Parkway bridge, a small park, and a meeting/community room for residents.

Mr. Piatt (3513 River Rock Drive) expressed concern about the removal of trees to make way for the trail, as well as land owned by his condo association which may be used as a cut-through.

Dale Gilbert (3511 River Rock Drive) asked about the preservation of trees and green space.

Mayor Robart said that some trees will have to be cleared for the bike trail, but every effort will be made to save the larger trees.

Mr. Gorbach asked if the property referred to by Mr. Piatt would be disturbed. Mr. Demasi said the bike trail plans would not affect the property. Mr. Gorbach suggested that resident concerns be taken into consideration.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-158 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

