

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting
July 21, 2008

Members: Mark Ihasz, Chair
Diana Colavecchio
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Ihasz called the meeting to order at 9:35 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the May 5, 2008 and May 19, 2008 committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Res. A-85

Temp. Res. A-86

Discussion:

Temp. Res. A-85

A resolution authorizing the City of Cuyahoga Falls to file an application to the State of Ohio, to participate in the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated the City had previously applied for Clean Ohio funds to purchase Prospect Mold and Die. Last year, the City received funding for the property acquisition and demolition. This application is for another area of the City.

Mr. Guerra stated this is another Clean Ohio grant which is due in August. The City will be applying for Buckeye Sports Center. It is \$2.3 million and is compiled of clean up and remediation (\$1.7 million), acquisition (\$300,000 - \$350,000), and infrastructure (\$240,000). There is a high lead content in the soil of 15 to 20 acres. The City's goal is to get the lead out of the soil and redevelop the property. They are looking at making it a mixed-use district that will house a small retail store and owner-occupied single and attached single family homes. There will be 50-80 owner-occupied households. They are asking for the ability to apply on August 25. This is the second time the City is applying, and they are confident they have a good chance to receive funding. The companion resolution is to incorporate green building into the development. That may not be able to be done but if one of the developers can use green technology, Administration wants to make sure the City can pick up those points in the application. The money is awarded based on points.

Mr. Ihasz asked about feedback from the state representative who was out at the property. Mr. Guerra stated representatives have been out there before. They've discussed changes to the application and agreed it helps make it more competitive. Mr. Guerra also indicated there is a lake that will be incorporated into the development.

Mrs. Hummel asked whether there was a requirement for matching funds or was the total for \$2.3 million. Mr. Guerra stated the only matching funds are from a private developer. There are no additional matching funds.

Mrs. Klinger asked who the developers were. Mr. Guerra stated there are a couple of different ones but they have not yet decided. Mrs. Klinger asked about the amount of the infrastructure. Mr. Guerra indicated that \$240,000 is the maximum on \$2.3 million.

Mrs. Pyke asked how many times the City had to apply for Prospect Mold before it received funding. Mr. Guerra stated the City applied twice. Mrs. Pyke asked if the type of contamination gave certain points to the application. Mr. Guerra stated it depends. Points are given for job creation so that is why they are including a retail business in the front, and that is also why the property is mixed use.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-85

Temp. Res. A-86

A resolution in support of a Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) project located at 4610 State Road, to have any public and/or private new construction or renovation incorporate materials and methodologies that maximize economic and environmental performance through sustainable design practices, and declaring an emergency.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-86.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.