



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Development & Parks

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Nancy R. McGregor, Chair
Brian Metzbower, Michael Schnetzer

Kimberly Banning, CMC, Clerk of Council

Monday, March 14, 2016

Council Office - Law Library

Immediately Following Finance Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Troy Euton, Anthony Jones.

Present 3 - Brian Metzbower, Michael Schnetzer, and Nancy R. McGregor

DISCUSSION

Euton said the grant is progressing; the Church has provided us easement to their property; they are drafting a letter of intent to show they are willing to work with the City; the grant application is progressing and is due April 1st; there are a lot of documents needed to bring that together; McGregor asked how you find a grant writer; Euton said have used a company in the past; using Kris Pohlman now; NatureWorks is due May 1st; Schnetzer asked how those trails will align; Euton said the old FOP lodge sits low grade; they will tear that building down; that waterway there will be fixed to remove the dam and restore the ditch as it outlets in Big Walnut Creek; the alignment of the trail will start at Cherry Bottom Road; there is a new sidewalk there; that section will be the trail alignment; will come to the red light and cross Cherry Bottom Road; will modify the guardrail and go along the grade; the trail will come along the creek and will come between the FOP lodge and the pond; will go north and cross over to McCorkle Park; McGregor asked if the bridge will be higher than that on the island; Euton said yes; if you have seen the new bridge on section 7; it is elevated; this bridge will be similar to that; do not know how high; McGregor said pet-peeve the bridge was a drowning trap; was supposed to be fixed but never was; Euton said remember being involved in those discussions; do not believe it has fallen away completely but it is a big job; we are not making the same mistake.

ITEM FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

1. Economic Development (TRES) Transfer Form

[ORD-0028-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A TRANSFER EXEMPT PERMIT APPLICATION (TRES) TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR CASA HACIENDA GRILL, 1356 N. HAMILTON ROAD.

Jones said we have a request to approve an Ordinance to allow the Mayor to sign a TRES form; this is when a community is out of the allotment the state can allow; as part of the process users go to other jurisdictions to transfer these over; we have done this for Cantina and Smashburger; essentially this is allowing the license to be given to Casa Hacienda Grill; near the new Starbucks in that shopping center; liquor licenses go quickly; it is important to note that the Division of Liquor Control still needs to sign this; Metzbower asked where this is coming from; Jones said can investigate that; Metzbower confirmed they get an economic benefit from this.

RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.

ITEM FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

1. Parks & Recreation Department Fee Policy

[MR-0015-2016](#) MOTION RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEE POLICY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD; SAID POLICY ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A.

Euton said the fee policy is before you; this fee policy was developed by the department previously; goal was to update this annually; has not been updating since 2009; staff has been updating this and it was presented to the Parks & Recreation Board; they have spent some time on it and recommended it to Council; new language is clearly visible in the redline version; asked how we can put this into effect today; on page 8 we do not use that formula, so we removed it completely; this represents how our department is acting today; there are a few changes; happy to take questions; pretty standard; back of the document shows the subsidy levels; made a couple changes; Metzbower asked if they looked at other communities; Euton said they all have the same base document; it came out in early 2000's; it came from a university that did some work; it is very common language and very consistent; believes rates are in line; if anything, Gahanna typically does not subsidize as high as other communities; McGregor asked if we charge enough for non-residents; Euton said we used to have higher non-resident fees but the costs to maintain is the same;

then agreed to lower the non-resident rate and revenues increased as it was more affordable; McGregor said someone made a comment that at least we got rid of discrimination for registering residents and non-residents; asked if there has been a problem locking out residents; Euton said that has not been a problem for the last several years; said on camp-day we had a 40% increase over last year; this year we were 210K in one day; that 40% is huge; have started direct mailing the Gateway again; thinks that has paid off and people were getting the information; Metzbower asked for the receipts number; Euton said that is cash received that day; McGregor asked if we just needed a Motion Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.

UPDATE FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

[2016-0084](#)

Parks & Recreation Supporting Documents

Euton said he had a report and wanted to make them aware of the Planning meetings happening; McGregor asked if both were on Wednesday; Euton said they were; McGregor said Thursday is Holy Thursday and Wednesdays are highly impacted by the Churches as Easter is that Sunday; Euton added that you can also give input online; said we wanted to push this for the public input into the grant due May 1; scheduling is always difficult; Euton said another thing is that the City is a National Recreation Park member and we have been individual members for years; can do an agency membership for \$800; we are doing that for more members of our department; it comes with a monthly publication that talks about things going on in the businesses; proposing to mail those to the Council members homes; Council fine with that; Euton said it is a great publication and nice to read on the case studies and trends; will put that in the upcoming report.

ADJOURNMENT

8:21 p.m.

Kayla Holbrook, Reporting