



Report for Council – April 27, 2015

Planning & Development Department Action Items:

Gahanna Community Improvement Corporation 2014 Annual Report

Per the annual contract between the City of Gahanna and the Gahanna Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), an annual report will be presented to City Council that highlights the organization's accomplishments for 2014 as well as the goals and action plan for 2015. The report is attached for your review.

Foxwood Rezoning and Final Plat

The applicant requests Council approval of a final plat and rezoning for a portion of Foxwood subdivision, section 3. The request proposes to reduce the density of the project by four lots. This change is being requested in order to provide increased protection to Buttonbush Swamp. The area subject to the final plat and rezoning is currently approved to allow for residential lots. If the request is approved, the lots will become open space and a detention basin. The City will purchase a portion of the property and maintain this area in a conservation easement. The City owned property will be rezoned from Residential Overlay District (ROD SF-3) to Single-Family 3 (SF-3). A companion application to revise the final plat has also been submitted. The plat requires updating to depict the revised lot count and configuration.

Planning & Development Department Updates:

Economic Development Plan Update

The Department has contracted with Ice Miller to complete an update to the City's Economic Development Plan (EDP). The goal is to create a plan that captures the market realities of the community, provides development scenarios for multiple priority areas, formulates business retention and attraction strategies and establishes a fiscal impact model with an actionable implementation strategy.

The Consultant Team and the Department have met multiple times since the last report. We discussed the return on investment calculator, economic development recommendations, and site capacity studies. In addition, the team has compiled an outline for the final plan document. A draft document is scheduled to be submitted to the Department by mid-May. After receipt of the draft document, the Department and the Steering Committee will complete a thorough review to ensure it is in line with the goals and intent of this strategy. With regard to next steps, the Consultant Team and the Department will be meeting with the Steering Committee on April 24, 2015 to outline the various economic development strategies, incentive policies and development scenarios for multiple Priority Development Areas.

Planning Commission Update

On April 22, Planning Commission postponed the following items:

#025-013236 (Fred Kenimer, applicant) – Postponed to May 13, 2015

- Zoning Change for 4.19+/- acres of property located at Ridenour Road, Imperial Rise #3, Part of Reserve A from RID (Restricted Institutional District) to SO (Suburban Office).

233–283 S. Hamilton Road and 232 Iroquois Park Place (Gallas Zadeh Development, LLC, applicant) – Postponed to June 24, 2015

- Zoning change for 2.71 +/- acres of property from SF-3 (Single-Family Residential) to CX-1 (Neighborhood Commercial Mixed Use)

The following application was withdrawn by the applicant:

1601 Eastgate Parkway - formerly Doc Thompson Plumbing (Ellen Thompson, applicant)

- Certificate of Appropriateness for Site Plan, Landscaping, and Building Design

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- *Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce: The 2015 Business Networking Expo will be held on Thursday, April 30, 3:30pm – 6:30pm, at Jefferson Country Club, 7271 Jefferson Meadows Drive, in Blacklick. The Expo is a unique opportunity for businesses and community organizations to come together to connect and build a broader customer base locally and beyond. No charge to attend. Contact the Chamber at (614) 471-0451 if you are interested in being an exhibitor.*
- *Olde Gahanna Community Partnership: Paws in the Plaza will be held on Thursday, May 7, 4:30pm to Dusk, at the Creekside Park and Plaza.*