



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton Road
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Meeting Minutes Infrastructure Capital Review Committee

Michael Schnetzer, Chair
Karen J. Angelou
Nancy R. McGregor

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

6:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schnetzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present 3 - Michael Schnetzer, Nancy R. McGregor, and Karen J. Angelou

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Parks

Schnetzer said this is the 4th and final meeting; we would like to cover the parks facilities and see if needs are being met; asked what is the scope; have Creekside, golf course, Big Walnut Trail, pools, and litany of parks, including new West Side Park. Barr said thanks for allowing them here, his team is key, they are here to assist in answering questions and can explain processes; SOM addresses Creekside, asphalt for any hard surfaces, in 2018 was first year we had pool infrastructure maintenance plan, helped pay for pool liner and boilers; to address parks in a very broad sense, there is no SOM; big ticket items include Headly Park soccer fields which was not designed as soccer complex, no irrigation or stormwater plan, just grass; no capital project money to do it appropriately. Schnetzer asked to clarify that only fields, not structures; Barr confirmed. Angelou said the cost of fields and fixing irrigation is expensive but would end up making money. Barr said is a revenue source; Academy Park is for Baseball, built in flood plain; if have money to do it right, would do it. Angelou asked about using solar lights to light parks. Barr said some lights and technology already there was 30+ years. Angelou said should consider solar, thinks it's a big deal. Schnetzer said seeing a problem putting money into buckets for Parks because there are so many things. Barr said made lists of things; no roof replacement program for example. Schnetzer asked about this inventory, Barr said Alan Little made the list of when and how much, etc. Barr said will release; have to plan for emergencies with pools; salaries are major part of operating costs; McCorkle Park building was probably not built to

code at time, but needs to be maintained. Angelou asked if permits could be found, Barr said unsure. Schnetzer asked about golf course as separate entity; Barr said just the carts because it's on contract. Schnetzer said hears golf course pays for itself, said revenue should be easy to identify. Barr said supplies, salary and benefits are there, but have identified the fleet replacement program which includes lawn mowers and tractors, taken money into account; operating slightly in the black there at golf course; the staff was previously accounted for in Recreation division, also insurance. Angelou asked if cart revenue helps offset. Little said took in \$30,000 + in revenue last year. Angelou asked about cards for carts. Barr said can purchase membership or bulk amount of cart usage cards; said in 5 years carts will be paid for based on contract; challenges with drainage has been managed by internal staff before reaching out to vendors. Angelou said trail looks terrific. McGregor asked about walls that jut out and have erosion, want to ask about that. Barr asked if she was referring to rear walls at hole 7; McGregor confirmed, said if erodes too much could erode bank again. Little said will look into it.

Schnetzer said would like to switch to pools. Wants to know when built and inherited. McGregor said around 2003; said people went door to door to collect money for pool; one pool was built in 1950s. Barr said doesn't know when we took over the Gahanna Jefferson Community pool, but over 10 years; there was a front pool and back pool; concrete lasts about 30 years; structure is sound but needs to replace boiler; front pool is 50+ years old; older pool but functional, don't see all the bells and whistles as if the pool were built today, but need to watch pool liner which has a 10 year guarantee. McGregor said she thinks Hunters Ridge construction began in 1970s, Angelou said did more to shell later though. Schnetzer said what he's hearing is the pool has had nothing in the last 10 years, if had to give a letter grade, what would Parks give it. Brian Gill said the GSP is for older kids but HRP is for younger kids because they have that space; said the sand based filtration system will last life of the pool. Little said HRP is good neighborhood pool. Schnetzer said he's hearing positive things; nothing imminent within next 10 years. Barr confirmed. Gill said noticed the back fence still has hand painted "No Diving" signs, is neat that it has history. Schnetzer said sounds like Hunters Ridge Pool is salvageable; asked if GSP needs more of a tear down in the future. Barr said that's fair to say, but what will drive costs is what people want to replace it with.

Schnetzer asked Rob Priestas about timing on federal funds; Priestas said about 5 years. McGregor asked about any special requirements about going under interstate 270. Barr said are obstacles to that and also dealing with FFA, a lot of engineering going into that and could

approach \$3 mil. Schnetzer wanted to confirm that construction would begin in 2024. Priestas said actually 2023. Schnetzer said wants to talk about connectors, are there plans to bring those online in advance of final leg of trail. Barr said talking about large scale master plan, there's more of a circular pattern. Working with CT Consultants, took over GCC, for design, making plans on exterior trails to make circular pattern to connect to what is already completed; still working on map. Schnetzer asked if this is significant departure from what was originally presented. Barr said no, this shows connections of neighborhoods and multi-use paths; more than one competing project and must decide what to fund and what not to fund. McGregor said when we have development around route 62 we should require funds to pay for trail. Priestas said developers don't see the big picture, only focus on their property. Barr said preliminary costs is \$6mil. Priestas said working with County on corridor study and this will be part of that.

Schnetzer said moving to Veterans Memorial; should include concepts. Barr said doesn't want to see pie in the sky stuff, realistically what would be put in there; more kids equals more sports; parking lots and restrooms; having to use gaming fields for practice fields which is not ideal for use. McGregor asked if population is increasing. Barr and Mayor confirmed. Angelou said loves what Parks & Recreation Department is doing; our parks are important.

ADJOURNMENT

6:58 p.m.