

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 3, 2016

2:00 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairman James Decker, Sr., Committee Members Ron Enyeart and Nicole Houck, Councilmembers Jim Bair, John Gradwell, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

VISITORS: See attached sign-in sheet.

Chairperson Decker called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Decker introduced the strategic planning committee members present. Father Gene Tucker, Pastor of Episcopal Church, representing the Forum of Churches; Joe Scialabba, representing Juniata College, Jennifer Clark, representing Borough Residents, John Kearns, The Huntingdon County Arts Festival. Each Committee Member spoke to the Committee on their thoughts on the plan to date. Chairperson Decker expressed that he was very appreciative of the enthusiasm of the members.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown.

GRANT'S ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Maureen Safko presented the Grant's Administrator's report. Ms. Safko presented an update on the Blair Field Parking Lot Project. She also explained the next step in the process necessary for submitting the 2016 CDBG that included the 4 resolution that she included in their packets that Council will need to approve.

Chairperson Decker updated the Committee on the Strategic Plan Schedule reporting that the next meeting is scheduled for November 22nd at 6:30 pm. in the Council Chambers. He invites all Council members to attend.

EVALUATION OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY: Code Enforcement Officer Scott Shafer reported on attending the webinar for blighted properties. He learned through the webinar that Gulotta Group will come in and assist in the evaluation of blighted properties. The fee for this service can be paid out of the Administration line in the CDBG money. Mr. Shaffer requested \$2,500.00 out of grant money to pay Chris for his services. The Community Development Committee Supports his recommendation.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor does not have a report at this time.

OPEN ISSUES:

JUNIATA COLLEGE-CAMPUS STORMWATER PLAN

MEETING: Manager Wheeler reported that they are still finishing up on this.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-WINTON HILL PROJECT: Manager Wheeler stated the formal dedication for the Winton Hill Project was a couple of weeks ago. The facility will not be completed by the expected date.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-COLD SPRINGS ROAD/ MOORE STREET

PROJECT: Manager Wheeler reported that they have moved into part 2 which is the final design portion. There was a meeting with PennDot a few weeks ago to make sure everyone is on the same page.

JUNIATA COLLEGE – ISMA (Arts) Building Project: Manager Wheeler stated they are in the process of doing their groundwork. Joe Scialabba reported that the foundation work has been delayed because of an issue with raw water. They are about 25 days behind schedule.

WALKING BROCHURE STATUS AND POST OFFICE CELEBRATION

BANNERS: Councilperson Houck reported that she has not met with Ilonia yet.

BOROUGH ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION: Manager Wheeler is working on the link for on the borough's website for people to be able to get the form. This will be routed through the borough office.

BOROUGH TOWN CLOCK-STATUS: Manager Wheeler reported that he looked over the agreement and neither he nor Solicitor Wilson sees anything that obligates the borough to take care of the clock. Manager Wheeler stated that he would like to get his opinion in writing from Solicitor Wilson. Chairperson Decker stated that we need to use some sensitivity and meet with the church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Brown announced that parade will be on December 17th. She also stated that the tree will be back up on Washington Street in front of the former PNC bank.

ADJOURNMENT

FINAL DRAFT

BY Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary