

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 6, 2017
3:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairman James Decker, Sr., Committee member Ron Enyeart, President Dave Quarry, Councilmembers Jim Bair, John Gradwell, and Donna Isenberg Mayor Dee Dee Brown, Junior Councilperson Madison Troha, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

VISITORS: Maureen Safko, Sean Steeg, Jacob Gordon, Pam Grugan, and Jennifer Clark.

Chairperson Decker called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Jacob Gordon would like the use of Flag Pole hill on May 6th at 10:00 am for a fund run in Honor of Dr. Sowell a Professor at Juniata College. It will start at Flag Pole Hill to the Peace Chapel grounds and conclude at the college. Manager Wheeler asked if you have flaggers on Warm Springs for participates to cross. Mr. Gordon stated that there will be flaggers. The Committee did not see any problem.

Pam Grugan was present to update the Committee on Walk Huntingdon, Bloomtown, and another project that she is involved in. She reported that she has received the Walk Huntingdon signs. On Tuesday Supt. Yarnell will be helping Pam along with some student to put up the signs. Madison suggested Mr. Baer would be willing to help put up the signs. Ms. Grugan will get Supt. Yarnell to work with Mr. Baer to show him how to put the signs up.

Ms. Grugan updated the Committee on Earth Day. The Earth Day walk will be on Wednesday, April 19th. They will begin at 8:45 in front of Oller Hall. The rain date is scheduled for April 20th.

Ms. Grugan updated the Committee on Project Bloomtown. It is going very well in a large part because of Mayor Brown's efforts. Ms. Grugan reported that she has received a \$500.00 grant from the Coffee House. We have enough money for 20 pots. Staci Fe Gillam has applied for and received a grant for the water barrels. The Committee agrees to support Walk Huntingdon. Mayor Brown stated that the Borough Maintenance Crew will be responsible for storage of the barrels.

Ms. Grugan has begun to attend meetings with a group called SURG (Show Up for Racial Justice). She is concerned about communities showing justice for all.

Chairperson Decker asked Ms. Grugan about timing on putting the flower baskets up. Mayor Brown reported that they will be up at the end of May thru October on all years after this first year.

GRANT'S ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Maureen Safko distributed a copy of her Administrator's Report. Heberling and Associates have completed the phase one archeological study at the Blair Field. We plan to open bids for the storm water improvements in late May or early June so work can begin at mid-June. The force account will be used to remove the asphalt and laying out the geogrids and filling those with stones. Manager Wheeler stated that we are trying to use force account for everything that we can.

TOWN CLOCK GRANT – PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION: Maureen reported that March 1st was the deadline for the PHMC grant. It was submitted on time. She stated that you could expect to get some feedback in June for this grant.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown stated that the Police Dept. plans on getting more involved in the Community. The bicycle rodeo is tentatively planned for June 20th. They are looking at using the bicycles that are downstairs in the Borough building. The police dept. will have a station at the Mayfest. Office McBride will be doing his car seat program also.

Mayor Brown reported that the flag for Flag Pole Hill is in. The invoice will go to the Borough and then the Elks will reimburse the Borough.

OPEN ISSUES:

JUNIATA COLLEGE-COLDSPRINGS/MOORE STREET PROJECT-BILL WHEELER MEDIA- SHOW OF PLAN: Manager Wheeler reported this project is moving forward. They were going to begin some minor things on May 3rd. He had a discussion with PennDOT regarding North College Avenue. Granus Brothers will give a cost on what it will cost to pave Cold Springs up to Taylor Highlands. This Street will be one way up. This is a Liquid Fuels street. Chairperson Decker asked for a copy of the plan. Manager Wheeler said he will email this out to council tomorrow.

JUNIATA COLLEGE –ISMA (ARTS) BUILDING PROJECT-BILL

WHEELER: Manager Wheeler said the new building is going well. This may be finished by the end of the year.

BOROUGH ACTIVITY REGISTRATION-BILL WHEELER: There was nothing to report. Manager Wheeler will get this out to Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION ROLL OUT>DISCUSSION ON VISUAL

POSTINGS: Chairperson Decker asked Councilperson Isenberg to explain this. Councilperson Isenberg stated that it was discussed at the last Public Safety Committee. The Strategic plan listed some suggested items that were decided by each committee. As we work on the suggested item it may give us another idea. Councilperson Isenberg stated to use poster board for display and a different color for each item.

250TH CELEBRATION UPDATE-NICOLE & RON ENYEART:

Councilperson Bair updated the Committee on the 250th Celebration. The planning is coming along nicely. The flags are ordered there are 18 borough banners, 9 school district banners, and 9 college banners. Juniata College will invoice the borough. The parade planning is coming along really well.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLEAN-UP DAY-Relocate from Blairs Field to Ice Plant Road.-Discussion:

Manager Wheeler recommended that Ice Plant Road would be a good place to have drop off for Clean-up Day. Chairperson Decker asked should we consider relocating. It is on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Councilperson Isenberg does not think it should be moved. The rest of Council agreed to move clean-up day.

Manager Wheeler stated that he was given an offer for the Borough to not have to man the Yard Waste Facility. Someone else will man it for \$15.00 an hour. Manager Wheeler explained that he will not upset the Union. When he mans it with Borough men it costs him a lot more than \$15.00 an hour. Councilperson Isenberg stated that the Union will be upset. Manager Wheeler stated that it is not a union job. He hires a part-time employee to cover it. The Committee agreed to pay JJ Recycling for operating the Yard Waste Facility.

COORDINATE OF OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT ACTIVITIES WITH

JUNIATA COLLEGE AND OTHERS: Councilperson Isenberg stated that she received a phone call regarding some Juniata College students that had an event that poured over into some of the residents in town. She feels this needs to be

approved by Borough Council and/or the Police Dept. notified. Chairperson Decker asked Manager Wheeler to make contact with the College.

Councilperson Gradwell stated that he has been trying for a long time to incorporate 2 things into the square. He would like to see more Christmas lights on 26. He also would like to incorporate the periodic lighting that is down on Allegheny Street into the square. Chairperson Decker explained that he supports it but it is about money.

Manager Wheeler reported that he was contacted by a student at Juniata College who is interested in interning with the borough this summer to look at possibly working with us as a grant writer. Chairperson Decker stated that he feels we should pursue it. The Committee agreed.

Manager Wheeler reported that the gentleman that bought the property at William Smith and Penn Street that wanted off street parking. This is on hold. He has to get it approved thru the National Historic Registrar.

Lisa Bair would like to place a banner on 6th Street. She is doing a relay for life on May 20th. The committee did not see a problem with this.

ADJOURNMENT

BY Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary