

PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Below called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were committee members Gabe Below (Chair), Roseann Hickman, and Joel Freedman, Safety-Service Director Tracy Colston, Victoria Clemons and Rick Noderer.
2. 2016 CHIP JOINT COOPERATING AGREEMENT – ORDINANCE 11-16 – Mr. Below discussed the ordinance and the need. Mr. Freedman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hickman, recommending that council waive the three required readings, retain the emergency clause, and adopt Ordinance 11-16 at tonight’s meeting. The motion was approved 3-0.
3. RIVERFRONT PLANNING GRANT
 - a. Mr. Below reviewed the April 20th meeting of the Riverwalk Steering Committee including the proposed pathway and scope of the project. Mrs. Hickman said it was a good meeting with better than expected participation.
 - b. Mr. Noderer requested who was interviewed as “key persons.” Mr. Below said he would provide those to Mr. Noderer and Mr. Freedman.
 - c. Mrs. Clemons asked how the project appears to have expanded. Mrs. Clemons stated that the Riverwalk itself is key and most important to this project. Mrs. Clemons asked if the proposed pathway was run by ODNR officials. Mr. Below replied yes.
 - d. Mr. Freedman asked if the riverfront walkway would be defined better. Mr. Below said yes.
 - e. Mrs. Hickman discussed walkway examples running through business buildings. Mr. Freedman asked if there could be connections to potential bike paths as State Representative Arndt spoke about at the recent council meeting.
 - f. Mrs. Clemons asked if the steering committee had taken a visioning perspective to this potential project and asked what will this look like in 10 years. Mrs. Clemons said she worried that it would become like Put-in-Bay with drinking. Mrs. Hickman responded that many folks enjoy the water and docking like this without that atmosphere. Mr. Below said that nobody was even considering turning Water Works Park into a Mr. Ed’s-type atmosphere.
4. BUSINESS RECRUITMENT INTO PORT CLINTON – Mr. Below revisited the market analysis conversation from the last committee meeting with Jamie Bier-Grant and Nikki Adams. Mr. Freedman said he would investigate potential organizations and let the committee know his findings. Mr. Below noted the next meeting would be by May 3rd at 5:30 pm.
5. ADJOURNMENT – With no further discussion, Mr. Freedman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Hickman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

Submitted by

Gabe W. Below, Chair

May 10, 2016