

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 1/9/2024

Circleville City Strategic Planning Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7:30 pm. Members present: Chair Sheri Theis, Committee member Zach Brooks, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Invited guests present: Jim Stanley. Other guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Council member Tom Duvall and Council President Barry Keller. Invited guest absent: Jon Bialy.

Theis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

President Keller announced earlier today that Don McIlroy has resigned his position, leaving an open spot on the committee.

Theis motioned to approve the Strategic Planning minutes from October 24, 2023. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Volunteer Appreciation:

The Strategic Planning sent out Christmas cards to the volunteers on all the boards and commissions. Theis stated the project has been completed and she believes the volunteers were appreciative.

Jon Bialy was invited but unable to attend this meeting. He asked to be included in the next SP meeting.

New Business:

1. An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Public Service To Apply For Transportation Alternatives Program Funding (TAP) To Be Used For The Construction Of A Multi-Use Path For Pedestrians and Bicyclists to Access Barthelmas Park, To Enter Into A Contract With The Director Of The Ohio Department of Transportation If The Application for Funding Is Approved And Declaring An Emergency.

Discussion: Jim Stanley stated this Ordinance would allow him to apply for a grant to construct a multi-use pathway at Barthelmas. This multi-use pathway is intended to allow safe travel for both bicyclists and pedestrians. The project is estimated at \$1,000,000, but if selected for the grant, the city would only be responsible for approximately \$50,000. The Grant will cover 95% with a 5% match from the City.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Brooks motioned to forward to Council on January 16, 2024, with a recommendation for passage. Theis Seconded. (2-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

Other Business:

Theis asked Jim Stanley to investigate the possibilities of marking bike lanes on two city streets. One street with bike lanes could create a north/south corridor and the other an east/west corridor for cyclists. Theis stated concerns about the number of motorized wheelchairs that are on the roads with traffic. Stanley stated he previously met with people from Brooks Yates and they would like to have some input with City Council on accessibility issues.

Brooks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Theis seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.