

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES May 19, 2020

In Attendance

Councilman Erskine Oglesby, Jr., Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:54 p.m. A quorum was present via electronic means, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Jerry Mitchell. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell were also present via electronic means. The video for this committee meeting may be viewed [here](#).

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last meeting (May 12, 2020) were approved as published.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer; ECD: Richard Beeland, Deputy Administrator, and Travis Kazmierzak, Director of Open Spaces

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A 7B & 7C

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Next Week's Agenda: May 26, 2020

Resolutions - Agenda Items 7A

Councilman Mitchell requested a brief explanation on this item, to which Mr. Beeland responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

STVR Ordinance Changes

Discussion ensued about the following:

- Councilman Mitchell wanted to know from Councilmembers about expanding the overlay for owner-occupied.
- Councilman Henderson inquired if this would be contiguous with the overlay, to which Councilman Mitchell responded. Councilman Henderson asked Mr. Noblett a question pertaining to the specifications on State Legislation between owner-occupied and non-owner occupied.
- Councilpersons Ledford, Gilbert, Smith and Berz affirmed that they would like STVR to continue functioning as is, specifically to the districts they each represent.

- Councilwoman Coonrod expressed concerns for constituents who live outside of the overlay, yet operate STVRs in districts in the overlay.
- Councilman Byrd informed the Council that he would favor tighter legislation.
- Councilman Oglesby informed the Council that his constituents are in favor of owner-occupied.
- Chairman Henderson indicated that his districts is very balanced and appreciates the Council being able to approve these. He thinks it is working well as is.
- Councilwoman Coonrod asked Mr. Noblett to obtain information on what other cities where doing with the non-owner occupied and the process for funds. She inquired about revising the ordinance from the name, "Short-Term Vacation Rental," with the term, "Short Term Rental Property". She also inquired about the Hotel/Motel taxes and how other distressed areas could receive that.
- Councilman Oglesby asked Mr. Noblett what the next steps would be.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Skate Park Update

Mr. Kazmierzak gave a presentation that included information on the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skate Park Feasibility Study • Need for Modern Park • Benefits to Skate Boarding • 500 Participants • Possible locations • Mainstream Common Sport Activity • Modular vs. Concrete • 10 Cites | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Development • Creates important qualities • Help creates healthy Behaviors • Helpful for those that don't function in everyday Sports • Budget • Design phase • Annual Skate Park Event |
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A discussion ensued, wherein the following topics where addressed:

- Expected Location (Councilman Henderson)
- County Ownership (Councilman Henderson)
- Agreement with County (Councilman Henderson)
- MOU Agreement (Councilman Henderson)
- Budget Estimate and Design (Councilman Henderson)
- Archaeological Area Study (Councilman Mitchell)
- Bid Process (Councilman Mitchell)
- Glass Street Location (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- MOU agreement process with County (Councilman Gilbert)
- Next Steps (Councilman Oglesby)
- Funding (Councilman Oglesby)
- Timeframe (Councilman Oglesby)
- Other entities (Councilman Oglesby)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the Lincoln Park funds and requested a comprehensive update next week. Due to a lack of time, Chairman Henderson asked to address the Lincoln Park update during the “Other Business” section of tonight’s Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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