

Planning Commission Meeting –April 2019

Crafton Attending: Ashley McCullough, Lydia Herring, Rich Kraemer

Call To Order: 7:05

Lydia: Mike Crown will be stepping down from the commission because his term is up. Kirsten Compitello to be appointed.

Ashley asked if Phil will be continuing, Lydia answered yes.

Rich gave a recap of the Complete Streets Webinar.

Quick review points.

There are 1500 policies across the country spanning 35 states and Puerto Rico. Most of these are in the East mostly because of the dense population. The cities range from New York City to communities of less than 1000 residents.

When decision making include all stakeholders – Community Members, Elected Officials, and other agencies such as the DOT. Policies help change transportation, establish new ideas, and create new lines of communication to the public.

The 10 points you should consider: **Vision**- know what you want; **All Users and Modes**- Include everyone in decision-making; **All Projects and Phases** – consider new construction, Reconstruction, Rehab, Repair, Repaving, etc.; **Exceptions** – Flexibility, the cost excessive, Documentation for future projects; **Network Connectivity** – one or more streets, connect / integrate for all travel, fill in all gaps; **Consider other agencies** – Municipality, PennDot, create partnerships such as PennDot Connect; **Design Guidance** – use the many books written on the subject. Examples: Policy and Geometric Design, Roadside Design Book, Urban Street Design Guide, etc.; **Contact Sensibility** – Design relates well to the neighborhood; **Performance Measures** – Collect Data, Ensures Compliance, Enable decision making, Report on progress.

RJ submitted for help through PAWalkwork.

Streetscape

Streetscaping will be considered on Crafton Blvd. near the Hair Salon. This is mentioned in the comprehensive plan pg. 45. This will be used as a launch point for other areas. Mary Luxbacher of the Shade Tree Commission will try to make this happen. Ideas are being reviewed to slow traffic and how to set up diagonal parking.

Tactical Urbanism: Pop-Up event collaboration with Rec Board

There was an April 9 meeting with Rec Board to promote pop-up. It was decided that the Rec Board and Planning will work together. Kirsten from Planning will be doing the planning for the Pop-Up. Rec Board said to have in the park. Lydia suggested we promote other areas to have the event. Rec Board (Angela Palchowski) said that this is too close to Crafton Celebrates. All agreed that September would be a better time. Martin Avery mentioned that the Heritage Festival would be in the park 3rd Saturday of September. Discussion began as to where to hold. A suggestion was made to have near Sarafino's. Other areas were suggested including the Mini-Golf area and Station Street. Kirsten said she was thinking of bubbles and chalk areas for the kids. A question was asked about possible Food Trucks. Ashley asked if it was considered how to fund. Lydia and Ashley said we need input from Planning, Rec, and citizens. Roy Neimann suggested using the Crafton, Pa Neighborhood News FB page. Ashley said we would need attractions for children and adults as well. Roy asked if we could schedule around a Yard Sale or another event to attract people. Rich said he would contact Mike Crown to get his input on the event.

Community marketing

Lydia started off by saying that this has not moved forward. Dave Plummer willing to help with logo. Lydia and Ashley started discussion by asking how many colors should be used and variations of these. Roy said it would be nice to products like cups, shirts and others. Lydia said she expected to contact Dave before May 9 meeting and have an update. Roy (citizen attendee) said we should be using the website to post about this committee. Lydia said we could talk to Phil's wife who built the website; however, upkeep of continual marketing on the borough website would require a dedicated person.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30