

Planning Commission Meeting – January 28, 2020

Attending: Planning Commission - Lydia Herring, Rich Kraemer, Kirsten Compitello, Philip Levasseur

Call To Order: 7:05 PM

Re-Organization

- Lydia Herring – Chairperson 2020
- Rich Kraemer – Secretary 2020

Grant Discussion

Unanimous concurrence with H2O PA grant application. Phil discussed council's approval of grants. It was brought up about a grant of 2 million dollars and what Crafton's commitment of the grant would entail. This project was estimated at 3.2 million and will be a 6 – 8 month project. PennDot will set up detours as needed. Planning Commission discussed compiling a memo with recommendations to council to consider improvements to the area near the elementary school while the underground infrastructure is being replaced.

Other topics discussed were: 1) there are 5 new projects for 2020 and 2 Port Authority Transit (PAT) projects for 2021; 2) Brick versus Asphalt use in the borough and cost; 3) Allegheny Together Grant and 4) the goal of being Alcosan Compliant as of 2025.

Zoning Ordinance Updates

We had a discussion on Including Ingram on a joint application to the DCED for a grant to help fund zoning ordinance updates in both communities. Phil Levasseur has spoken with Ingram council president, Sam Nucci, and Ingram is interested in working with Crafton toward this CITHrive goal. Planning Commission discussed setting up a joint meeting with Ingram as part of our February meeting or set up a special meeting to discuss language of a revised RFP for issue to firms who originally proposed on Crafton's zoning ordinance updates in late 2019 (Crafton never selected a firm to complete the work). Phil mentioned PAT is very interested in joint planning for shopping center improvements. Discussion continued on having the inclusion of Shopping Center representative at a future joint meeting to get everyone on the same page. It was also mentioned that PAT is looking at getting properties near the Busway stations and not in the downtown areas. Planning Commission to continue developing relationship with PAT.

Vacancy Update

We reviewed 2 letters of interest from Colton Chandler and Jessi Ulibarri. We talked about Jessi and Colton both making wonderful Planning Commission candidates. Discussed that Colton has a connection to Crafton and that Jessi brings a diverse skillset and connections.

NOTE: In the first February council meeting it was motioned and seconded followed by a 7-0 vote to have Colton Chandler fill the Planning Commission vacancy.

Pop Up event

The topic of having another Pop Up event was brought up. It was decided that it was beneficial last year to partner with the volunteer fire department (VFD). Discussed creating a partnership with VFD again or with the Rotary for future Pop Up events that take the form of a block party. Discussed the possibility of hosting a different kind of pop up event this year. Kirsten was asked to spearhead and she accepted. Plan is to work with the Recreation Board again and get other stakeholders involved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM