

Joint Planning Commission Meeting –June 2019

Crafton Attending: Lydia Herring, Rich Kraemer, Phillip Levasseur, Kirsten Compitello

Ingram Attending: Greg Butler

Call To Order: 7:02

Ingram Updates

Greg gave an update from Ingram:

There is a need to prioritize Ingram Concerns. They will be rereading the Comprehensive Plan to guide these concerns. Areas of concern include but are not limited to Ingram transportation and traffic, code enforcement, rental inspections, zoning ordinances.

He stated that he met with Lydia, Brian and others from PAT(Port Authority of Allegheny County) Connect and that a meeting was coming up soon to discuss implementation procedures.

Lydia, Greg, and Kirsten discussed Crafton and Ingram applying for the Live Well Allegheny Grant for the PAT Ingram Station and possibly the Crafton Station area..

Crafton Updates

Lydia talked about the upcoming Pop Up event and gave a quick update. She mentioned that this was a group event with Planning, Library, Rec. Board and others planning the EVENT. It was stated that the event would be October 6 in the area near the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department.

Kirsten added that the committee would be looking into closing necessary streets reaching out to businesses, and doing the initial marketing.

I Love Crafton Marketing

Lydia said the above event will focus on Community Pride and the new “I Love Crafton” logo campaign.

Phil said we would probably get pushback from the borough if we ask them for help

Lydia said we should continue to market the event and get together ideas of possible merchandise to use. Kirsten thought that we should go ahead and order mugs but not shirts. It was mentioned that Dave Plummer is creating Logo ideas and coming up with other marketing ideas

PAT / TOD Updates

Lydia said that she would be trying to get the PAT / Connect contact here in September. Kirsten said that PAT is creating a template for RFP easy submittal.

Greg mentioned that he would be meeting with Breen early July.

Kirsten asked Greg to get Breen's ideas on the Ingram Station and see what position PAT wants to take. Greg and Kirsten then said we need an RFP for the Crafton/Ingram area. It was mentioned that RJ is just waiting for the template.

Lydia brought up that maybe going forward we need a joint e-mail for all Crafton Planning members and all Ingram Planning member to get the word out. Phil added that we need a way to make everyone available to the minutes. Lydia said we do have One Drive access. Phil asked if council avails itself to these minutes. Masha Damits said they do not avail themselves to the minutes.

Commercial Space Marketing

Lydia asked this discussion with any idea on how to proceed.

Rich mentioned that he was hearing that we need a map for businesses in Crafton and Ingram. Marsha stated that she thought there was one at one time.

Lydia thought that the way to start was to get a list of all available properties. Phil and Greg said to use GIS to find these properties. Phil said to work with the engineers on this and possibly update the websites.

This led to a small discussion on updating the websites. We need to download a PDF to the websites of businesses. We also need to get a list or map of vacant businesses for Crafton and Ingram. Possibly, we could get this data from Jordan Tax Service. Lydia asked who could get this data and how to share this data. Greg said that he would call the Ingram secretary to see for Ingram. He also mentioned that possibly we could add a zoning map. It was brought up about GIS training.

Planning Involvement going forward

Phil said his vision was to see planning giving their input all projects including small to multi-million dollar projects. He said that we would be another voice in decision making.

Lydia asked if we could start getting the engineer reports.

Greg's concern was that we may not have the knowledge for this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06p.