

Joint Planning Commission Meeting –March 2019

Crafton Attending: Ashley McCullough, Lydia Herring, Rich Kraemer, Phillip Levasseur, Mike Crown

Ingram Attending: Greg Butler, Jim Marcillo

Call To Order: 7:05

Lydia: Announced that there is a Webinar for Green Streets on 3/28, 4/11, 4/28

Update from Ingram

Greg: Ingram planning had not met since last Joint Planning meeting.

Attended TOD (connect) on 1/9/2019. He talked to State Planner (Denny Pudo) about what money is available.

He mentioned he got a copy of “Guide to Zoning” and will put on our shared drive.

They talked about Tactical Urbanism. Beaver and Sewickley were analyzed looking at Buildings, Streets, etc.

Lydia asked Greg to upload this information to the drive. She asked what Ingram’s plan is. Greg answered planning is important but looking at what money is available.

Crafton Updates

Phil: RJ is submitting an RFP. He stated that it was not expensive but we need to decide where to start and how to sell idea(s) to council.

Phil: Brewery may not be coming to Crafton siting Cost constraints. Greg mentioned again the need for uniform zoning. Phil said this has the backing of council. He announced at this time he may be leaving the Planning Commission. He said we need to set goal. Phil mentioned possibly getting Carnegie involved. And get their ideas on solving the Idlewood Flooding. Lydia talked about parking, possibly a garage. Phil brought up that there is the issue of funding. He said maybe it would be a great idea to get Carnegie involved in the next joint planning meeting.

Phil mentioned we have a part time code enforcer and a full time. He said now is a good time to get together with Ingram, as in the Comprehensive Plan, to set a plan for going forward. He mentioned Blight issues.

Greg thought it would be a good idea to get some type of GIS education.

Mike Crown started a discussion on needing to get grants, use of Social Media to push Crafton and Ingram. Said we need to advertise and keep the boroughs aligned on committees such as Blight, Planning, etc. Greg said we need to let the people know where to go for information stating Carnegie has a website to market Carnegie.

Ashley said it would be a great idea to have a hashtag(#) to search about Crafton-Ingram. Phil said we should let the 2 councils know our recommendations. And we should follow the Comprehensive plan. Mike said we need to prioritize. Lydia said we need to get ordinances updated and agreed on. Phil said to convey through the Borough Mangers the motions needed for Council(s) to act on. Lydia (from RJ) – if budgeted she will put on the agenda. Mike asked if there was no money in the budget for Planning, if not get motions to council to free up the money.

Tactical Urbanism..

Kirsten: Colorful Crosswalks, Open Street Events just two ways get community involvement. She mentioned we should contact businesses and invite citizens to participate. We should talk to organizations, painters, and artists to get a table for the event. RJ suggested Aug would be a good time to do this type of event. Kirsten mentioned space used should be pedestrian friendly.

Mike mentioned that Crafton Celebrates 5K does not go through the Crafton business district. Someone needs to bring up to Celebrates the option of changing the course to do so. Mike gave a few option (The Circle or Serafino's area) and said we need to get Crafton Performing Arts involved. He suggested we talk to 1901 Corporation about holding events in the shopping center area. Kirsten said that the shopping center area would be difficult because it's a big area.

Ashley said that maybe the shopping center would be better suited for a Trunk Trick Or Treat event. Mike suggested using the shopping center for a joint event with Crafton-Ingram, sort of a Crafton-Ingram Days event. Phil threw out the idea of possibly moving Celebrates to the circle. Mike thought this needs to be an event to market the borough, possibly the Noble Ave area. Kirsten said to use the hashtag (#) we come up with to market to the residents and beyond. Rich said to expect Celebrates to push back on anything that might infringe on the Festival. Phil thought it would be best if Rec Board and Planning Commission would plan this together.

Lydia asked if Ingram has a Rec Board. Greg said it has 3 members but didn't know how they met. Roy thought that it would be a great idea to use FB page Crafton, PA Neighborhood News to advertise.

Storm Water Separation

Phil led the discussion by first saying; there are 12 separate projects with the Crafton Blvd. and South Grandview projects getting the first nod. He said that the design work should be 60% completed by the end of June. It was mentioned that the Sterrett / Barr project empties into Bells Run. He said the project will be 90% funded on 2 million dollars. He also said that the total on all 12 projects will run 12-17 million. Phil said that he, Brad, RJ and the solicitor are meeting with Alcosan to leverage funding. He asked that the Planning commission offer their thoughts and help on what to replace – curbs, sidewalks.

Lydia asked, what information do we have? We talked about getting the curbs and sidewalks replaced at time of the work. Phil said that gas and water lines will be replaced. Greg mentioned that the Ingram projects are complete. Phil said to be sure to review and make suggestions on the improvements.. He said the information will be on the Council Share Drive soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.