

Joint Planning Commission Meeting –September 2019

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

Ingram Attending: Greg Butler, Jim Marcilio

Port Authority: Breen Masciotta

Call To Order: 6:57 PM

Ingram Updates

Greg gave an update from Ingram:

Ingram applied for Grant through Active Allegheny.

Updates have been made to Ingram Website.

Crafton Updates

Lydia stated a RFP was submitted for the Zoning Rewrite. She talked about the 4 firms to be interviewed; two out-of-state and 2 more local firms. Interviews will be through the next few weeks.

Pop Up event is approaching. Kirsten said that this will be a block party and held on Noble. This is Fire Prevention week so the fire department is working with us on the party. Ashley asked were we looking into displaying the I Love Crafton notes, possibly the library.

Port Authority / TOD Presentation – Breen

Breen talked about the Transit Oriented Communities and about the Port Authority system and how extensive it is (102 routes – 98 buses, 3 rails and 1 incline). She said there are yearly service reports issued to explain changes. Breen talked about studies that show population rise in communities creating Bike-Only, Transit Only roadways. BRT or Busways is where Port Authority and T-O-D concentrates its resources. PAT can advocate or sponsor/help with areas wanting to improve.

The Port Authority website shows guidelines for multi-modal connectivity. This includes walkability and development. Website will also have data on station area planning, T-O-D feasibility, station access, and station design. She mentioned that the Dormont Station, Station Square, and Negley Station are all under redesign.

Phil asked questions on parking lot design issues, how to get the shopping center to invest money and does Port Authority have any money for us.

Kirsten asked what we need to do and can we get Port Authority sponsorship.

Breen said that Port Authority's ability here is limited because they do not own any land here, making it hard. They concentrate on areas such as Oakland where they do own land. She said that it was great

that Crafton put together a RFP before the toolbox was done. She said that the re-zoning efforts we are putting forth will help a lot.

Phil brought up the Clean Water Plan and the bus route flooding at Idlewood. He we could work together on this. Breen said that there is no T-O-D money. She said she could help with an RFP for federal money. Phil says ALCOSAN next steps are up in the air.

Greg asked if PAT has identified difference between East Busway, West Busway and rail. He asked if there is anything we need to pay attention to. Breen said that there is a focus on how to make things easier to get downtown. There is a focus on the new Carnegie Station design. She said we should focus on new businesses, Helping the existing ones, and continue to do things like our block party. She said to continually look for funding. Phil mentioned DCED funding He asked which communities have dealt with them and have received funding. Do we know who to talk to? Breen said that many projects have received money and she will see if she can put together a list.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM