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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2018

In attendance:

Jason Paulovich	Chuck Dizard	Jody Lamison	Erika Josefoski (Tarentum)
Ken Crisafio	Robin Bergstrom	Cody Nolen	
Scott Slezak	Lindsay Fraser	Dino Lopreiato (Brackenridge)	
Tom Cajka	John Bua	Carrie Fox (Tarentum)	
Gary Kesicki	Cynthia Adams	Mike Nestico (Tarentum)	

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mr. Paulovich.

Old business: Update of the Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Fraser reported on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan. She and Jim Pashek are in process of writing a grant, to cover \$50,000 of the \$90,000 cost. The total cost could be less based on what each municipality can do internally. Ms. Fraser is in contact with Kay Pierce of Allegheny County Economic Development. A tentative date of the passing of the resolution for each municipality is required before the grant application can proceed. Ms. Fraser and Mr. Pashek will work on the narrative for the grant. An application draft will be sent to each municipality to review. Ms. Fraser supplied a timetable sheet for the Comprehensive Plan. We are on track to have the Plan completed in October 2019.

Tentatively, the Steering Committee will be populated with 8 members from Harrison; 5 members from Tarentum; and 3 from Brackenridge based on per capita in each municipality. Harrison would like to have one member from the Board of Commissioners and one from the Planning Commission. The Steering Committee will meet regularly and requires diverse participants with availability and interest. Each must understand the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. It was decided the Planning Commission will appoint the Steering Committee. Ideally, a representative from each of the five wards in various stages of life will be included. Tarentum and Brackenridge will arrange for their respective Steering Committee members. Mr. Nestico voiced his concern over the inequality of the Steering Committee membership. Mr. Crisafio will email Mr. Pashek with a few questions regarding representation and time commitment of the Steering Committee members.

Once the Plan process commences, Mr. Pashek will have regional meetings to address each of the municipalities' concerns. Ms. Fraser stated that Ms. Pierce is looking for general congruency in respect to Allegheny Places and Active Allegheny. Allegheny County is trying to reach out to cultural and geographically distinct areas, such as Harrison Township for ideas during their imminent plan update.

Mr. Dizard suggested also meeting at Brackenridge and Tarentum in the future.

Ms. Fraser, Ms. Bergstrom, and Mr. Dizard discussed the Hope for the Future event held May 2nd at Highlands High School. They felt the turnout was quite good and received over 100 comments on the community. Students were asked to list an area for improvement and something they liked about the area. Ms. Fraser distributed the list of remarks to the Planning Commission attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody L Lamison