



Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission met in regular session in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 99 W. Main Street and was called to order by Planning Commission Chair Mr. Neil Kirby at 7:09 p.m.

Those answering roll call:

Mr. Neil Kirby, Chair	Present
Mr. Brad Shockey	Present
Mr. David Wallace	Present
Mr. Hans Schell	Present
Ms. Andrea Wiltrout	Present
Mr. Sloan Spalding (council liason)	Absent

Staff members present: Steven Mayer, Development Services Coordinator; Mitch Banchefsky, City Attorney (left at 7:20 p.m.); and Josie Taylor, Clerk

Mr. Kirby and Mr. Wallace provided corrections for the June 17, 2019 and July 15, 2019 Planning Commission minutes.

Ms. Taylor stated she would make those changes and provide them to Mr. Christian.

Moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Ms. Wiltrout to approve the June 17, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon roll call: Mr. Wallace, yea; Ms. Wiltrout, yea; Mr. Schell, yes; Mr. Shockey, abstain; Mr. Kirby, yea. Yea, 4; Nay, 0; Abstain, 1. Motion passed by a 4-0-1 vote.

Moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Schell to approve the July 15, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon roll call: Mr. Wallace, yea; Mr. Schell, yea; Ms. Wiltrout, yea; Mr. Shockey, yea; Mr. Kirby, yea. Yea, 5; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Kirby asked if there were any additions or corrections from staff.

Mr. Christian replied there were none from staff.

Mr. Kirby swore to truth those wishing to speak before the Commission.

CU-47-2019 Conditional Use

Conditional use application to allow a monopole cellular tower telecommunication facility to be developed at 5089 Johnstown Road (PID: 222-001516).

Applicant: UAS Inc, c/o Rob Ferguson

Mr. Mayer stated an outside consultant had been retained for this matter. Mr. Mayer noted the review should be available by September 19, 2019.

Mr. Kirby asked Mr. Banchefsky if they were fine on the time left for this matter.

Mr. Banchefsky stated yes, they had until October and, if needed, could table once more under federal law.

Moved by Mr. Kirby to table CU-47-2019 till the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission, seconded by Ms. Wiltrout. Upon roll call: Mr. Kirby, yea; Ms. Wiltrout, yea; Mr. Wallace, yea; Mr. Shockey, yea; Mr. Schell, yea. Yea, 5; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business

July Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Mayer provided information regarding the proceedings and actions that have taken place or are planned for the Strategic Plan. Mr. Mayer noted more information would be available around the fall.

Mr. Schell stated more input from community residents could be obtained during the upcoming Octoberfest event on Market Street at the end of September.

Mr. Mayer stated he would look into that.

Mr. Wallace stated parking downtown and traffic were issues he had heard community residents mention, but asked if other unexpected issues community members had brought up.

Mr. Mayer stated diversity in the community and sustainability were issues they had a lot of feedback now, whereas the schools, although still important for the community, were not as much of an issue.

Mr. Wallace asked diversity in what context.

Mr. Mayer replied socio-economic and racial diversity.

Mr. Kirby stated there had been a need for smaller homes available in the community to help diversify housing stock.

Mr. Mayer stated the 55+ communities were now a part of the community.

Mr. Kirby stated the community needed to have housing teachers and firefighters could afford to live in the community.

Mr. Shockey noted the value and importance of the walking and biking trails in the community.

Mr. Mayer noted they had added about two (2) miles of trail per year.

Mr. Shockey asked what the amphitheater was.

Mr. Mayer discussed the project and stated it had been introduced at the Architectural Review Board meeting on August 12, 2019 and would be formally heard at the Architectural Review Board's September 9, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Shockey asked if it was going to be across from the McCoy Center.

Mr. Mayer stated it was west of the McCoy Center, on the north side of Dublin-Granville Road.

Mr. Shockey asked how the amphitheater would be oriented.

Mr. Mayer stated the seats faced the school campus.

Mr. Shockey asked if seating would have a natural scape.

Mr. Mayer stated it would have tiers with steps, stadium seating.

Ms. Wiltrout stated it would be a nice addition.

Mr. Mayer stated some of the things community residents had said they liked best about New Albany were the quality of the schools, sense of community and small town feel, leisure trails, overall aesthetics, cleanliness, maintenance, and safety. Mr. Mayer stated the top concerns or improvements community residents noted were additional restaurant options, parks and recreational facilities, traffic, preservation of community character, and maintaining quality of schools.

Mr. Kirby asked if traffic had been an issue due to this year's construction in the community.

Mr. Mayer stated it was to some degree due to the construction fatigue of many projects at this time.

Mr. Kirby noted students in the parking lots, due to construction, was still an issue.

With no further business, Mr. Kirby polled members for comment and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by Josie Taylor.