

## **BUILDING & BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2017**

The Building & Building Codes Committee meeting was held on October 17, 2017, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**PRESENT: Committee Members:** Chair John Nickell, Vice Chair Dan Kasaris, Larry Antoskiewicz; **Council:** Gary Petrusky, Dan Langshaw, Paul Marnecheck, Cheryl Hannan; **Administration:** Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Finance Director Eric Dean, Community Development Director Thomas Jordan, Safety Director Bruce Campbell; **Other:** Lou Krzepina.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **approve the September 19, 2017 minutes as received.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. Former City Hall and City Green Development**

Mr. Jordan said that the plans are being developed and require a finished topographic survey. The field work on this survey will be performed next week and will be translated into documents that will be used as part of the design. We will meet with the contractor once this work is incorporated into the design. He said that we are doing a survey of the entire site and looking at replacing the sign at the intersection with an electronic message board. He said that at last months' meeting, the committee had expressed some interest in making further improvements at the cemetery. He said that he has talked with a few contractors and design professionals that specialize in cemetery design. Mr. Jordan said that in the past we worked with the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Committee to secure funds to reset military head stones. He said that we went through an RFP process and hired a contractor to do Phase 1. He said that this contractor is no longer available and they have performed another RFP and selected another contractor for Phase 2, which we hope will be done this year. In addition, the rear fence is owned by the radio tower property owner which is leased to a second party. The second party lessor is responsible for maintenance of this fence. We have been in touch with them over the last few months and he said that they will probably have to do a full replacement of the fence, to which the lessor has committed to do. He said that there was discussion at the last meeting as well to further explore the fence on the front, a sign indicating the entrance, and the cold storage building. Regarding the fence and the sign, Mr. Jordan said that we would need to hire a design professional that would be able to develop the specifications if we want to do this properly. He said that this fence is going to be expensive and under the state bidding requirements we will most likely have to bid it out. He said that the design professional would be able to give us some alternative design suggestions relative to materials to make it look good and specify location and landscaping. Regarding the cold storage building, Mr. Jordan said that it is a historic building that we no longer use it for its intended purpose. He said that a design professional/contractor that works on these types of buildings will be looking at our building tomorrow. He said that we will present the plan to Council to determine if it is desired to pursue saving this structure. Mr. Nickell said that he was originally in favor of at least fixing the roof, but if it ends up being very expensive, it may not be prudent to proceed. Mr. Jordan said that he will share the costs with Council and then a decision can be made one way or the other. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if Mr. Jordan anticipated that we would be able to bid these projects out as one package, or is this something that needs to be bid out separately because of the scope of the work. Mr. Jordan said that it will depend on how this progresses forward. The signs might be bid together if it is determined that the cemetery sign will be separate from the fence. He said that it depends on what final design decisions are made. Mr. Nickell asked about the cannon and military memorial that are still on the old City Hall site and what is planned for them. Mr. Jordan said that he currently has no direction from anyone to move any of the remaining memorials. He said that we did leave the sidewalk access to those memorials. Mr. Nickell asked that this agenda item be renamed to "City Green Development" and to add a separate agenda item for "Cemetery".

**NEW BUSINESS****None****MISCELLANEOUS**

Beverly Phiel, 5820 Goodman Drive, addressed the committee as Secretary for the Historical Society. She said that the Historical Society has been looking into replacing the original library dedication plaque that was on this building that has gone missing. She presented the Mayor with two different design options for its replacement using the names of the Mayor and Council in office at that time, as well as the names of the architect and the library planning committee. She said that this issue will stay on their agenda until this matter is resolved. Mayor Stefanik said that when we took over the building from the library, the plaque was gone. We have checked with the library, the architect, and the builder that remodeled this building and no one knows where it went. This is similar to what happened at our former City Hall when we found that an old portrait was missing. We were able to track that down and locate it, but we have been unable to do this with the plaque. He said that he has stated that the city would be open to putting some sort of sign or plaque that states that this building was originally a library. He said that he knows that there were also names of library officials on the original plaque as well. He felt that we would be rolling the dice by using names that we think may have been on there and risk getting it wrong. He felt more comfortable doing a general plaque stating that this was the former site of the library. Mr. Jordan said that we have no problem with recording the history of this building. He said that he will be happy to look at Ms. Phiel's proposals and work towards accurately recording the history of the building. Discussion on various options for memorializing the building was held. Mayor Stefanik felt that whatever outcome is determined, a good place to locate it would be in the Community Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **adjourn the October 17, 2017 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.**