



MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal Building
47 Hall Street
Tuesday, July 6, 2010
6:30 pm

Chairman Jim Hrivnak called the meeting to order. Other members present included Art Schultz and Sara Marie Brenner. Others present included Councilman Richard Cline, City Manager Steve Lutz, Law Director Gene Hollins, Director of Development David Betz, Development Planner Eric Fischer, Vince Margello, and Reporter Bonnie Butcher.

The following agenda items were discussed:

I. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the June 1, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Downtown Parking (Council Goal: Downtown Development)

Mr. Hrivnak indicated that issues related to parking downtown were brought up and it was decided that the Development Committee would review this item. Mr. Betz described the map and aerial photo that were included in the packet. The map shows the number of private and public parking spaces that are in the downtown area, and the photos show where signs are installed guiding people to the public parking lots that exist in the downtown. Mr. Betz went on to describe the various areas, uses, and how parking numbers and requirements are determined.

Mr. Schultz indicated that it might be helpful to have as a guide data on how the parking areas are utilized, and the various times and moments to guide on what the situation is. This would provide a quantification of parking use, both private and public. Instead of everyone conjecturing what the problem might be, we need to find out what the problem is, if any, before we can solve the problem.

Mr. Betz indicated that a survey of parking usage can be done, with data acquired from site visits throughout the downtown from time to time to see where parking problems might exist.

Mr. Margello said that he brought up concerns over parking, more directly around the Four Corners. Retail needs convenient parking, and he does not believe that enough parking is being provided by some of the users in this area.

Ms. Brenner indicated that she can see the issue from Vince's standpoint. Some people may be hesitant to walk along the road in some areas so they are hesitant to park in particular lots. Education of the general public may be needed so that people understand where the public parking lots are located.

The Committee agreed that we should focus on getting people to more readily utilize the public parking lots. Staff indicated they will begin to survey the downtown area from time to time and come up with a way to report on how parking is utilized downtown.

With City Council meeting closely approaching, it was determined that the Development Committee will meet again on July 20 to cover the remainder of items on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.