



## MINUTES

### DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal Building

47 Hall Street

September 7, 2010

6:30 pm

Committee Chair Jim Hrivnak called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. Other members present included Kevin Futryk, Sara Mari Brenner and Art Schultz. Others present included City Manager Steve Lutz, Director of Development David Betz, Public Information Officer Jeff Robinson, City Engineer Rob Rice, and reporter Bonnie Butcher.

During the meeting, the following agenda items were discussed:

- I. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**  
By unanimous consent, the minutes of the August 4, 2010 meeting were approved.
- II. **Downtown Parking Signage (Goal: Downtown Development)**  
David Betz mentioned that the blue parking directional signage that has been discussed are in and will be installed in the next week or so. The locations will be a Depot Street entrance to the Village Green, at the Hall Street/W/ Olentangy Street intersection utilizing the existing street name sign brackets, and at the 44 N. Liberty Street parking lot. All members were happy that this was about to happen.
- III. **Downtown Crosswalk Signage (Goal: Downtown Development)**  
David Betz presented this item. It has been requested by the Design Committee of HDPI via a letter that there be installed on the street "Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk" signs, that are designed to be at the centerline of the street. These signs are oftentimes found in other suburban communities in the downtown areas. The Committee discussed the costs and benefits of this proposal as well as the alternatives. The Committee decided that it is a good idea to utilize these signs for 90 days and to come back to the committee after that time to give results of their use to see if they have helped.
- IV. **Bikepath Connections (Goal: Bikepath Connectivity)**  
David Betz described the pathway project that has been worked on in Golf Village at Rutherford Road near Sawmill Parkway. It was discussed that this pathway was not part of the originally approved engineering plan for Golf Village, however there is some text within the Development Plan about the connectivity of the Golf Village communities by pathways. This path started construction unbeknownst to the City, and was stopped at a point when the City

engineer determined it was not being done in a manner following good engineering practices. Staff has reviewed this plan with the developer, who is willing to make up to \$100,000 in improvements in order to finish this pathway. However, Rob Rice described all of the engineering related items necessary at the intersection of Rutherford Road and Sawmill Parkway that will be required of the City if this pathway is installed, such as handicap ramps, signalization phasing and improvements, and pavement striping that will cost the City some money. It was decided that the City will resume talks with the developer for the installation of their portion, and the City will need to wait for funding for our portion and speak to the Law Director about the City liability issues if we wait until funding to do the ramps and signal improvements.

**V. Incubator Update (Goal: Downtown Development)**

David Betz updated the committee that the building plans are complete and are in for permit review by the Building Department. The Pre-bid Meeting is scheduled for September 20 and the bid opening is scheduled for September 27.

**VI. Adjournment**

Prior to adjournment, Committee Chair Jim Hrivnak wanted to thank Kevin Futryk for his service to the community and in particular to this committee. He will be sorely missed due to his moving outside the corporate limits of Powell. All Committee members and Staff wholeheartedly agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.