



Planning & Public Safety Committee

April 12th, 2016

Summary and Motions

Chair Mossotti called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All committee members were present except Farmer. Council Members F. Brown, Hensley and Moloney were in attendance as non-voting members.

I. Committee Summary

A motion was made by Bledsoe to approve the March 8, 2016 Planning & Public Safety Committee Summary, seconded by Hensley. The motion passed without dissent.

II. Distribution of Unsolicited Advertising Supplements

Henson introduced the issue. She stated that at the September 8 Work Session, Council voted 11-4 to return this item to Committee for a 6 month review. She stated that she had contacted her colleagues about complaints and those have diminished primarily due to distribution changes at the Herald Leader.

Richard Morgan of the Herald Leader addressed the issue. He stated that they have changed distribution practices based on Council concerns from 6 months ago. He stated that they are using local customer service representatives to take calls; have developed consistent and improved accountably practices. He stated that they deliver about 100,000 "community news" editions monthly.

In response to a question from Stinnett, Morgan stated that if Council adopted the draft ordinance it would have affected the financial viability of the Community News and safety of its distributors. Stinnett suggested that the item stay in committee as any entity not, just the Herald Leader, could toss advertising circulars on the from lawn or in the drive way. In response to a question from Stinnett, Michael Cravens from Law discussed the civil penalties imposed by the ordinance.

Bledsoe agreed with Stinnett that the item should stay in Committee. She also thanked the Herald Leader for manning the customer service desk as that has reduced the complaints received from constituents,.

In response to a question from Mossotti, Henson Agreed with Stinnett and Bledsoe that the item should remain in Committee.

III. Rose Street Closure

Gibbs introduced the topic. Gibbs indicated that Mary Vosevich from UK would present but that Derek Paulsen would also address the issue.

Vosevich stated that UK was interested in closing Rose Street from Columbia to Huguelet for student safety reasons. She stated that UK recently completed both a Campus Master Plan and a Transportation Master; both plans called for the closing of Rose Street. She discussed mobility goals for the campus.

Tim Sorenson with CDSmith discussed traffic volumes on campus. He noted that it's anticipated that South Lime and Woodland would receive most of the Rose Street traffic.

Paulsen stated that in addition to closing Rose, UK wanted to close Hilltop and limit access to Woodland beyond Columbia. He stated that UK may not even need the City's authorization to close Hilltop as UK might own the adjacent ROW.

In response to a question from Gibbs, Engineering Director Doug Burton described the process they are using to review the ownership of Hilltop Drive.

Lamb commented on the Sports Center Drive/Woodland Avenue intersection. In response to a question from Lamb, Fire Battalion Chief Gregg Lengal stated that Public Safety is reviewing plans submitted by UK re fire truck access. Lamb encouraged UK to work with the City and surrounding neighborhoods. In response to a question from Lamb, Chester Hicks, Environmental Policy described the road closure process.

Bledsoe commented on Hilltop, accessing adjacent parking facilities and buses using Columbia. She encouraged UK to work with its surrounding neighborhoods.

Scutchfield and Hensley also encouraged UK to work with surrounding neighborhoods.

Akers discussed the capacity of the local streets adjacent to the campus. In response to a question from Akers, Sorenson described the process used to count traffic and to conduct origin/destination surveys of the traffic.

Mark Barker, 439 Park stated that he and his neighbors were opposed to the proposed Rose St closure as it would adversely impact the neighborhood. He suggested that the Sports Center Drive be connected directly to Columbia

Mossotti stated that there were still numerous unanswered questions. She encouraged UK to work with City officials and the adjacent neighborhoods.

Gibbs suggested continuing the discussion at the Committee's May 10 or June 14 meeting.

IV. Oxford Circle Redevelopment Study

Henson introduced the topic. Jim Duncan Director Division of Planning introduced the consultants Mike Higbee with DCI and Stan Harvey with Lord Aeck Sargent.

Higbee stated that the overview of the Redevelopment Study was to enable redevelopment of the area, utilize the library as an anchor and to attract private businesses back to the area.

Harvey stated that the area was an underused commercial center, surrounded by a vibrant neighborhood, has difficult geometrics and constrained by the Wolf Run Creek. Harvey also stated that the area has an aging storm and sewer system with limited stormwater infrastructure within Oxford Circle.

Higbee discussed a retail market and trade area analysis. He said that there was an opportunity to redevelop the center into a dynamic community center. He identified several key players including LFUCG, the Public Library, Community Action Council and Community Ventures. Higbee provided a preliminary budget of \$ 14.4 million to acquire and redevelopment the center. He also identified numerous sources of financing and revenue.

Bledsoe commented on the data driven study. She stated that this was an opportunity to redevelop an entire neighborhood that borders on a major corridor leading into the downtown.

Lamb discussed the Library anchoring the redevelopment.

Moloney thanked Henson. He stated that Oxford is an under-utilized area that has a lot of potential to serve the western part of the community.

Mossotti stated that it was challenging project. She noted the population was very transient. She agreed with Lamb that the Library was key.

In response to a question from Lamb, Higbee stated that several of the properties were available for acquisition.

Paula Singer, 110 Hamilton Parkway stated that the Cardinal Hill facility was an asset and could be used to market activity in the Oxford Circle area.

V. Items Referred

Scutchfield and Mossotti discussed the timing of the Rose Street closure proposal. It was agreed to hear the proposal at an upcoming Work Session once the Administration has completed its analysis of the proposal.

A motion was made by Kay to remove the property tax abatement issue, seconded by Bledsoe. The motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Akers to adjourn, seconded by Lamb. The motion passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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