

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & VIABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING** held at 1700 W. Hamlin Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan, on Thursday, November 13, 2003, at 5:30 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barnett called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Bryan Barnett, Jim Duistermars

Council Members Absent: John Dalton (prior notice)

Citizen Representatives Present: Frank Cosenza

Citizen Representatives Absent: Michael Kaszubski

Administrative Staff Present: Ed Anzek, Dir. Planning Department

Roger Rousse, Dir. DPS

Administrative Staff Absent: Scott Cope, Dir. Building Department (prior notice)

Youth Representatives Present: Kathryn Tignanelli, Sahar Emambakhsh, Ann Ruggiero

Youth Representatives Absent:

Others Present: None

3. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution

MOTION by Duistermars, seconded by Cosenza,

Resolved that the Community Development and Viability Committee hereby approves the Agenda of the Regular Committee Meeting of November 13, 2003 as presented.

Ayes: Barnett, Duistermars, Cosenza

Nays: None

Absent: Dalton, Michael Kaszubski

MOTION CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting: September 25, 2003

Resolution

MOTION by Duistermars, seconded by Cosenza,

Resolved that the Minutes of the Community Development & Viability Committee held on September 25, 2003 be approved as amended to reflect that Ann Ruggerio had given previous notice of her absence.

Ayes: Barnett, Duistermars, Cosenza

Nays: None

Absent: Dalton, Michael Kaszubski

MOTION CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (UNFINISHED OR PENDING MATTERS)

7a. Update on Funding Strategy for Local Road Reconstruction

Mr. Roger Rousse, Director of DPS, discussed in detail the plan to contract with the CPA firm of Rehman Robson to examine the history of funding in the community to evaluate the options remaining to fund repairs to the local road system in the City. He noted that the previous five-year plan was funded using five (5) sources of revenue, many of which are no longer available:

- General Fund - \$0.5 million (major roads)
- General Fund - \$1.5 million (local roads)
- Capital Improvement Fund - \$3.0 million
- Bonds - \$10 million
- Reserves - miscellaneous

He then noted the following statistics:

- Fifty-eight (58) miles of road, or twenty-seven percent (27%), are in poor condition.
- Fifty (50) miles of road, or twenty-three percent (23%), are in marginal condition.
- Preventive measures can be used to extend the life of roads as much as ten (10) years beyond the average life of twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) years.
- The cost for improvement is roughly \$750,000 to \$1 million per mile.
- Approximately \$108 million is needed for these marginal and poor roads.

- At the end of 2004 there will be no money for snow plowing, road maintenance, road construction, etc.

Mr. Rousse described a new road repair process that is being tested that appears to be an improvement over cold patching and is less expensive. It was his contention that the likely solution will be to approach the residents to pass a millage to pay for local road improvement.

The consensus of the Committee was that residents are very resistant to millage votes. Therefore, it was determined that any attempt to initiate a millage vote on a ballot must incorporate grass roots citizen participation and an extensive education process to inform the residents of the need for these improvements and the consequences should the funding not be obtained.

Mr. Rousse assured Committee members he would return at a later date with more information on the matter and information gleaned from the Rehman Robson consultants.

7b. Construction Documents & Specifications for Gateway Design

Mr. Ed Anzek, Director of Planning, explained that the Gateway Design was very well received by City Council. He noted that construction specifications are necessary to solicit quotes from sign companies for the construction and installation of these signs throughout the City. Mr. Anzek explained that Don Westphal & Associates had provided this information and he felt that the City would be ready to seek bids for the construction work by spring 2004.

7c. Gateways Funding

Mr. Anzek noted possible sources of funding:

- A quarter of a million dollars available “to tap into” in the Building and Grounds budget carried over from the CIP implementation.
- Funds remaining in the escrow account established to create landscape buffers between subdivisions and the Village of Rochester Hills.
- A \$50,000 donation to the Gateways Fund by the purchaser of the Letica Building.
- Money from the Parks & Forestry trees budget for landscaping purposes.
- A cost-saving plan will be implemented to use City employees for pre-construction landscaping work.

Mr. Anzek stated that he, Ms. Deborah Millhouse, Deputy Director of Planning, and Ms. Jean Farris, Supervisor or Procurement, would be meeting in the near future to discuss these options in greater detail.

8. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None was presented.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None was presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Barnett adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The next CDV meeting will be held December 11, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Margaret Strate.