

Held

March 10, 2009

OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Ritter called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Mr. Fiedeldey, Mr. Wolterman, and Mrs. Harlow were in attendance.

**STREETSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS
KLEINGERS & ASSOCIATES**

Mr. Ritter said the intent was to take a deeper dive into your thoughts and funding strategies.

The Board heard from Mr. Jay Stewart, Mr. Tim Casto, and Ms. Lynne Nischwitz.

Mr. Stewart discussed how to keep a project of this magnitude on schedule and how to pay for it. He said funding programs are the first thing they would start looking at: Transportation Enhancement Funds, ODNR, Safe Routes to Schools, and CDBG funds as well. He sees two phases: in each of the three funding districts, do the items with the most impact in one full swoop. The first phase would include something in each district. It's important to keep the theme going.

Ms. Nischwitz said that with District A, the gateway, we can create a rhythm for the entire corridor. She said we would use signage, maybe a stone element, and bold plantings at 275/Colerain. By using something bold, it tells people, "I'm in a new place." She said Northgate is more pedestrian and this lends itself to an open greenspace area.

Mr. Stewart encourages us to keep looking at the Safe Routes to Schools.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about crosswalk pavers. Mr. Casto said we will need to look at the road base and can work with ODOT on this. Mr. Casto also suggested stamped concrete.

Mr. Fiedeldey suggested planters or banners on poles below the "clutter."

Mr. Wolterman discussed Route 4 in the City of Springdale. He said it is similar to what we're looking at here. He asked about cost, but Mr. Casto was not certain. Mr. Wolterman asked about a time-line for our project. Mr. Stewart said it would be a 12- to 15-year project, and they would be certain to maintain the integration of theme and materials through that length of time. They do this by picking timeless styles, classic designs. Mr. Stewart said they will do community input sessions to see how the public likes their design proposals. They plan to do before/after photos of the proposals.

Mr. Ritter asked about their public and private work. Mr. Stewart said their work is 60-70% public, including schools and high education. He said other public jobs include Goshen, Deer Park, Silverton, Kettering, and Warren County.

Mr. Ritter asked about the utility burying and if we should do that first or hold off. Mr. Stewart said we want to do things with the biggest wow factor and this would have a hug wow factor. He said we can bury utilities later, maybe only do one district.

Mr. Fiedeldey confirmed they do everything in house. Mr. Stewart said you would be dealing with the three people you see here. Ms. Nischwitz would be our single point of contact.

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KKG**CDS ASSOCIATES AND BROWNSTONE DESIGN, SUB-CONSULTANTS**

Mr. Benken said so much has changed with the economy. We need to be smart on how to spend public funds. He said their work is 45% private, 55% public. In Lexington, KY, they are working on the implementation of a downtown streetscape plan.

Mr. Benken introduced Kevin Dicke who is the project manager for three streetscapes projects, two in Covington and one in Hamilton. The project in Hamilton is a master plan for a public/private in-fill project. This has come in below budget, due to hungry contractors and City of Hamilton setting-up phasing and development master plans. He said you must be creative to finance these projects and get them done. You must build public consensus and need to go to them.

Craig Gossman said we must determine budget thresholds. We must engage the private sector for higher and better uses.

Mr. Wolterman said we will need to go on private property to get this done. He asked if private enterprise looks at this at a time to upgrade. Mr. Benken said Stone Creek is an example of what can be accomplished when we work together. We can build on the momentum we have and build consensus.

Mr. Wolterman asked about the basic formula for the depth off the main corridor you should go to accommodate a successful streetscape. Mr. Benken said there is no stock answer. But, you need to create strong links between the anchors. We have great assets and we need to play those up so that the negatives are not noticed as much. Mr. Gossman agreed and said we might go a long way down one way and not at all the other. There is no clear-cut formula on this.

Mr. Benken said there is no magic formula. Where are the properties that have a lot of frontage with a willing owner? We can help them understand how a re-development can help them.

In response to Mr. Fiedeldey, Mr. Benken said he is not sure if Colerain Avenue can realistically be pedestrian friendly.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that KKG has a long history of working with other firms. Mr. Benken introduced Gary Heitkamp with CDS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reuter requested the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and imminent litigation.

At 6:32 PM, Mr. Fiedeldey made a motion to enter executive session and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter reconvened the meeting at 7:06 PM. Mr. Reuter said that, in executive session, the Board reviewed matters relating to Rumpke Sanitary Landfill v. Colerain Township, pending in the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court. The Board determined to appeal the ruling on the Motions for Summary Judgment issued by Judge Ralph Winkler in that case to the First District Court of Appeals.

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INVOCATION

Tyrone Patrick, chaplain for the Colerain Fire Department, offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ritter asked for corrections to the February 24, 2009, regular meeting minutes.

Under the discussion about Limited Home Rule, Mr. Fiedeldey asked that it read we have the "potential" to get deeper in debt. Mr. Wolterman asked that his comments indicate that he asked if the contract cars would issue the civil fine citations.

Under his trustee report, Mr. Fiedeldey asked that it say "more" instead of "some" pressure on CMHA

Under the discussion about Electric Aggregation, Mr. Fiedeldey requested his comments read as "it appears we have created" a competitive situation. Mr. Wolterman asked that his comments be separated into two paragraphs and that his comments read as, "work with Duke in the area of public improvement, such as pole moving, to see how costs can be reduced."

Under the Fire Department's item about the stimulus plan, Mr. Ritter asked that the word "downstream" be added before maintenance costs.

Under the Police Department's item about promotion and hiring, Mr. Fiedeldey asked that it be noted the contract for \$50,000/year would be a \$25,000 minimum savings per year.

Mr. Wolterman motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"

Mr. Ritter "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman "Aye"

POLICE REPORTS

Lt. Schoonover of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Police Chief Meloy said statistics would be available at the next meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS**MR. FIEDELDEY**

Mr. Fiedeldey said the CMHA executive director met with Springfield Township already and will meet with us tomorrow, to discuss the impacts of assisted housing in Colerain Township. Mr. Fiedeldey will attend with Mr. Foglesong.

MR. WOLTERMAN

Mr. Wolterman suggested that at the meeting with CMHA tomorrow, they bring up the communication from Mr. Driehaus and see if the executive director is following the chairman's request.

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Mr. Wolterman said the Quaker Steak and Lube at Stone Creek Town Center opens tomorrow. It's a nice place. If you drink, don't drive

MR. RITTER

Mr. Ritter asked if anyone knew Mr. Driehaus' status as chairman of CMHA Board. Mr. Wolterman said no moves are planned right now. Mr. Ritter said that we as Westsiders need to watch this situation carefully so as to not lose our voice on this board.

Mr. Ritter noted that Mr. Margrave was in attendance and said that the attorney announced that we will appeal the court's recent decision on the Rumpke case.

CITIZEN ADDRESS

Cathy Hardiman of 3280 Niagra said she received a violation of Zoning code, relating to a recreational vehicle. She said the letter threatened her with misdemeanor and \$500 fine. It greatly offended her to receive such a letter as her recreational vehicle is well-maintained and fully insured. She compared this to the section 8 home on the street that is in disrepair. She said this zoning code puts a damper on family time. She was told that the inspector drove past and saw the camper. She keeps her home and cars neat and clean.

Mr. Ritter explained that the Board and the Zoning Commission looked at this in depth 18 months ago. He sympathizes with her arguments and the "uneven" justice with the house on her street.

Dr. Roschke said revisiting the letter is on her long to-do list. She apologized for the tone of the letter, but we must provide legal wording. She said they are working on all the violations on her street.

Mr. Fiedelvey said she made a good point that we didn't communicate well with the people. He'd be mad, too, if he were she. While we must notify the residents, maybe a certified legal letter is not the best first contact.

Mr. Wolterman said this zoning amendment was passed before he got on the board. What is the solution for this family? The code says the vehicle may be there for three days in a single month. It is now in her garage, preventing her from using the garage.

Jim Lindemood of Squirrelsnest Lane said that most people are aware that PCBs lead to cancer, etc. He said AK Steel is required to clean the creek and surrounding flood plain and trying to map the area to see the impact of the PCBs. In clean-up, this soil is being removed and going to Rumpke. He said the air around the Rumpke site is loaded with dust as is Colerain Ave. We have no idea what this is doing to our community. He wanted to bring this to the Board and asked the Board to check with Rumpke to see about their plans. Mr. Ritter suggested we pose some of these questions to Jeff Rumpke via a letter. Mr. Foglesong suggested we also contact the Hamilton County Health Department about this. Is anyone testing the leachate for PCBs? Mr. Fiedelvey said what they are doing with this soil is important. Mr. Wolterman said that we should go through the county agencies as well as the Ohio EPA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**PUBLIC WORKS****Cheviot Road Sidewalks**

Mr. McClain said Cheviot Road (from Jessup Road to Benhill Drive) is scheduled for reconstruction (this year / going out to bid end of June) by the Hamilton

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County Engineer's Office through funding obtained from an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant. When the County Engineer's Office first applied for the grant in 2007, we were asked if we wanted to finance the asphalt sidewalks located within Colerain Township's portion of the project limits being replaced with concrete at a cost \$39,000 00. We responded favorably.

In February, the Hamilton County Engineer's Office asked us if we wanted to finance installing sidewalks where sidewalk is missing within Colerain Township's portion of the project limits a cost \$90,000 00 .

The Hamilton County Engineer's Office has also given us the option of the installation of a 2 ½' wide colored and stamped walk at the back of curb and placing a new 4' wide walk adjacent to the stamped walk for a total of 6 ½' with a price estimate of \$210,000 00 for the entire project limits, within Colerain Twp. Green Twp. has given the County Engineer's Office the directive for this type of installation within Green Twp. on this project at a cost of \$260,000 00.

Mr. Ritter said that his preference is to stay committed to the original agreement of \$39,000. Mr. Fiedeldey said he supports Mr. Ritter and said that the \$39,000 is coming from the sidewalk fund and at no cost to taxpayers. Mr. Wolterman asked for the length and Mr. McClain said it is from Benhill to the Township line. Mr. Wolterman asked about economies of scale. Mr. McClain said the Township would see some savings with the work done at the same time. Mr. Wolterman said this is a safety measure, especially with the new UDF and students walking to St. James School. He wants harder numbers and avenues of financing.

PARKS & SERVICES

Irrigation Change Order

Mr. Schwartzhoff requested the Board approve a change order for the irrigation materials at Heritage Park in the amount of \$2,191.56

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second.

Mr. Ritter said there is still left-over money from the ODNR funds, which must be used for Heritage Park.

The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Donation Acceptance

Chief Meloy requested the Board accept a \$1,500 donation for Police Department use from Wal-Mart

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

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Vehicle Purchase

Chief Meloy requested approval to purchase four police cars and necessary equipment

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

SENIOR CENTER**Volunteer Recognition Dinner**

Mr. Foglesong requested the Board approve \$1,700 for the 2009 volunteer recognition dinner. This will cover the catering, entertainment, and award pin items.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

PARKS & SERVICES**Seasonal Employee Rehire**

Mr. Schwartzhoff requested the Board re-hire the following individuals as seasonal employees:

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Rate of Pay/Start</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
1	Krista Thiel	\$13.88 4/4/09	Camp Director	9
2	Kelsey Barge	\$9.45 4/4/09	Counselor	4
3	Zach Barge	\$9.45 4/4/09	Counselor	3
4	Grant Foglesong	\$9.45 4/4/09	Counselor	4
5	Katherine Voegle	\$8.90 4/4/09	Counselor	2
6	Danielle Hase	\$8.64 4/4/09	Counselor	1
7	Paul Koch	\$10.67 4/1/09	Seasonal Maintenance	5
8	Mackeroy Marshall	\$9.29 4/13/09	Seasonal Maintenance	2
9	Kenneth Suthoff	\$9.49 4/13/09	Seasonal Maintenance	2
10	Greg Saylor	\$9.49 4/13/09	Seasonal Maintenance	2
11	Brandon White	\$9.49 4/13/09	Seasonal Maintenance	2

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman said that Mr. Fiedeldey has two grandchildren on this list. Should he reclude himself? Mr. Fiedeldey said he asked about this in the past and it was not necessary

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Summer Events Funding Request

Mr. Schwartzhoff requested the Board approve expenditures up to \$20,000 for the summer events. He said that for the 4th of July Spectacular, we are bringing in a national act, Survivor.

Mr. Fiedeldey said he has not been pleased with the national acts in the past as they have not brought in the crowds and profit to justify the cost.

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

ZONING**Nuisance Resolution**

Dr. Roschke read Resolution 17-09, which authorized the abatement, control or removal of any vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris.

Mr. Fiedeldey made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked why there are so few nuisances. Dr. Roschke said that we are out of season.

The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about the neighborhood stabilization program and if we have received those funds yet. Dr. Roschke said that the county is managing the funds.

ADMINISTRATION**2009 Permanent Appropriation**

Mr. Foglesong said he will be coming to the Board for approval of the 2009 Permanent Appropriations during the March 24, 2009, regular meeting.

Stimulus Request Update

Mr. Foglesong said Colerain Township has submitted two projects that fit most of the prerequisites for stimulus funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. We have submitted projects to ODOT's TIGER Team (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) for consideration. The projects are sub-area six and seven of the Colerain Corridor Project (\$6,000,000) and sidewalk funding request for Poole, Springdale, and Joseph roads (\$750,000).

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Mrs. Harlow asked for approval of payroll, purchase orders, and receipts.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

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The Fiscal Officer has recorded the following receipts:

REC	VENDOR	FOR	AMOUNT
106-2009	Zoning Dept	Sidewalk Waiver Fees	12,688.00
107-2009	Zoning Dept	Certificates	473.00
108-2009	Sr. Center	Prog Fees, Rent Event Fee, Lunch	388.50
109-2009	OTARMA	Insurance Reimb	894.86
110-2009	Public Works Dept.	Snow Removal	138.60
111-2009	Police Dept.	Restitution for Damage to County Traffic Car	59.15
112-2009	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	42.00
113-2009	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	48.00
114-2009	Police Dept.	Court Reimb.	72.00
115-2009	Parks & Services	Baseball Field Rentals	600.00
116-2009	Fire & EMS	Plan Review Fees	150.00
117-2009	Rumpke Sanitary Landfill	Solid Waste Disposal Fee January	62,222.12
118-2009	Fire & EMS	CTTC Rent, CTTC Elec Reim, Reimb Squad Accident, Cell Calls, Signs, Reports	9,106.45
119-2009	Fire & EMS	EMS Billing	57,222.39
120-2009	Police Dept.	Reports Feb	5.05
121-2009	Police Dept.	Reports Jan	5.65
122-2009	Mark W. & Keyonia L.	Postage Reimb.	2.42
123-2009	Public Works Dept.	Snow Removal	2,226.15
124-2009	Police Dept.	Donation	1,500.00
125-2009	Police Dept.	Court Reimb.	36.00
126-2009	Police Dept.	Vendor Permit Fee	150.00
127-2009	Zoning Dept.	Certificates	1,710.00
128-2009	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	12.00
129-2009	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	18.00
130-2009	Parks & Services	Shelter Rentals	2,590.00
131-2009	Parks & Services	Baseball Field Rentals	7,000.00
132-2009	Police Dept.	Court Reimb Payment for Auto	6.00
133-2009	Erie Insurance	Accident Damage	684.19
134-2009	Public Works Dept.	Snow Removal	270.00
135-2009	Public Works Dept.	Snow Removal	1,047.60
136-2009	Fire & EMS	Foster Care	15.00
137-2009	Sr. Center	Prog Fee, Rent Even Dep, HDM Don, Lunch	592.75

At 8:18PM, Mr. Fiedeldey motioned for a recess. Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

PUBLIC HEARING – ZA2008-06 Group Homes for Children

Dr. Roschke presented the staff report and said this is a modification of Articles 7, 13, and 16 regarding group homes for children. This would add "Group Homes for Children" to Table 7-1 as a use permitted with additional conditions in all residential districts. Section 7.4 13 is added.

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Dr. Roschke reviewed the public comment received via the survey on the website.

Mr. Fiedeldey motioned to open the public hearing. Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Bob Schneider of 4828 Blue Meadow Lane said he came to listen and hear the outline of the regulations. Dr. Roschke said the state has very specific requirements for these homes. Mr. Schneider asked about fencing. Dr. Roschke said there is nothing in our proposal.

Mr. Fiedeldey motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Fiedeldey said the Zoning staff and Zoning Commission did a great job.

Mr. Wolterman has nothing further.

Mr. Ritter agreed.

Mr. Wolterman made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and Mr. Fiedeldey offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

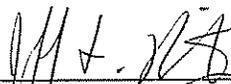
Mr. Fiedeldey said his grandkids are working here on their own and he had nothing to do with their application or hiring. Mr. Wolterman said he just wants full disclosure that the relationship exists.

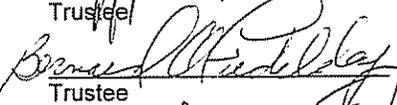
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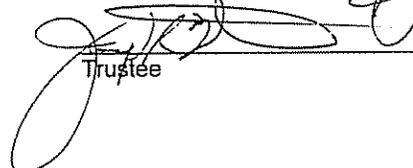
With no further business to come before the Board, at 8:42 PM, Mr. Wolterman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Fiedeldey offered a second.

- Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"
- Mr Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"


Fiscal Officer


Trustee


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