

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Jefferson County Farm Bureau • 4200 Gardiner View Avenue • Louisville, Kentucky 40213

February 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Steve Fortwengler, Scott Frisch, Gina Garrett, Mary Ann Liebert, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney Wade Hendricks.

Pledge of Allegiance — All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4500 Conaem Drive — Dennis Diemer and Richard Banta, the new owners of the former Lab Corps property at 4500 Conaem Drive, were present. They reported that they are making a lot of improvements to the property preparing it for the new tenant, including significant landscaping as a buffer, new windows, new roof, as well as a totally new infrastructure. They are re-coating and striping the parking lot, but anticipate repaving it in a few years. They will be adding three parking lot lights per code but insured us that the lights will not be directed toward our residential streets. The scheduled completion date is June 1. Although they couldn't reveal the identity of the new tenant, they were able to tell us that it will be a call center for one of the top four largest food chains in the world. They will have approximately 268 employees. In answer to our concerns about possible increased traffic on Conaem Drive, Mr. Diemer indicated that the new tenants will be encouraged to access the facility via Stober Road. Mayor Chesser said we would like to meet with the new tenants once they move in; Mr. Diemer said that can be arranged.

Resident Tiffany Woodson asked several questions: Will the new business be open seven days a week? Will they be working 24 hours a day? Will we have traffic throughout the evening? Mr. Diemer and Mr. Banta did not have the answers at this time. She also asked if the new tenant is currently located in Jefferson County, to which they answered "Yes." The signage will be on Conaem Drive. Mr. Diemer and Mr. Banta apologized for being unable to answer all of our questions but promised to give us more information as it becomes available and when they are at liberty to do so.

Mr. Diemer and Mr. Banta left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of January meeting as received; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (5-0).

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of January totalling \$34,776.18 with expenditures in the amount of \$15,989.01, giving a surplus of \$18,787.17. Mr. Wild reported that he didn't get the bill from Stoll, Keenon Ogden PLLC in time for the report. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Uniform Communications Services Franchise Interlocal Cooperation Agreement — Attorney Hendricks reported that he, Attorney John Treitz and another attorney at their firm looked at the proposed agreement authorizing Metro to negotiate on our behalf regarding granting franchises for the use of public rights of way. We have three options: (1) to do nothing; (2) to accept what the League of Cities proposed; or (3) to submit a revised version of the agreement. Council agreed that we should submit a revised agreement. Attorney Hendricks distributed copies of the original agreement with the proposed revisions marked. He then submitted a revised version of the agreement. Ms. Garrett read Resolution 2, Series 2016, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government relating to communications services. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Frisch. All present voted yes (5-0). Mayor Chesser will sign the revised version of the agreement and send it to Mayor Dieruf with the City of Jeffersontown who will, in turn, submit it to Metro Louisville.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe reported that the newsletter was mailed out. We need to run our addresses through NCOA to be current with the U.S. Postal Service requirements. Mrs. Keefe was given permission to authorize United Mail to run a new mailing list for future use.

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Business Cards — Mayor Chesser doesn't have anything new to report regarding the business cards at this time.

STOP Signs/Street Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that one of the signs at the intersection of Robards Lane and Gardiner Lane was lying on the ground after apparently being hit by a vehicle; she called Metro to report it. If we install new STOP signs and poles on public rights-of-way, we assume liability for any injuries or property damage sustained by someone if their vehicle runs into the new poles, and we will also be responsible for repairing any damage to the pole. Council decided to table any further action on this project at this time.

A new STOP sign is needed at the Larkmoor Lane and Newburg Road intersection to replace one that was knocked over. Council agreed that this would be an ideal location to install a decorative pole on which to mount the new STOP sign. Mayor Chesser will get a price from Saf-Ti-Co. Mr. Fortwengler suggested that we get a bid from Saf-Ti-Co to install decorative posts with street signs/STOP signs on ALL of our residential streets. Council members agreed. Mrs. Welsh and Mr. Fortwengler volunteered to take an inventory of how many we would need throughout our City and bring that list to the March meeting.

Middle and High School Clusters — Mayor Chesser met with Dr. Lisa Willner, the JCPS School Board representative for Watterson Park, on February 5. Dr. Willner advised her to meet with Barbara Dempsey and JCPS administration. Mayor Chesser will contact Mrs. Dempsey this week to discuss our request.

Vacant Homes/Homes in Poor Condition — The vacant home at 3915 Bantam Court was sold at auction on January 19 for \$48,500.

Mrs. Welsh reported that the home at 3358 Newburg Road is abandoned. It appraised at \$97,620 and is owned by Eric Larkins. Mrs. Welsh will try to find out more information, and Attorney Hendricks will find out whether or not it is in foreclosure. Mr. Wild reported that the property taxes have been paid.

Mr. Fortwengler reported that 1728 Larkmoor Lane has been abandoned for 15 years and is in disrepair. The adjacent property at 3402 Newburg Road is also in disrepair but someone lives there. Mayor Chesser will report the properties to Metro.

Tree Trip — Mrs. Welsh reported that she called Bernheim Forest and was unable to speak with anyone there. She did receive some information through their telephone answering device. She found out that they have special entry fees for buses and that they have an on-site restaurant called Isaacs Cafe. She hopes to have more detailed information for our next meeting. Mrs. Keefe said we can include information on this trip in the spring newsletter.

Assistance with Treasurer's Duties/Bank Box — Mr. Wild reported that he received quotes from both PNC Bank and Stock Yards Bank for lockbox processing and distributed copies of their quotes. He still needs more detailed information and hopes to have it by the March meeting.

City Office Equipment Value — Mr. Fortwengler reported that he took the camera to a shop on Bardstown Road. They told him that they don't deal with Minolta cameras and suggested that he try to sell it on Craig's List or E-Bay, where he could possibly get \$200 for it. It was suggested that we donate the camera to a local school. Mayor Chesser reported that she called some private schools and there was no interest. Mr. Fortwengler will call JCPS to see if any of their schools could use it. We will charge Norm Liebert \$10 for the copy machine. Before we sell or donate either the camera or the copier, however, we first need to declare them surplus. Mr. Hendricks will prepare resolutions to do so and bring them to the March meeting.

Answering Machine — Mr. Wild received a bill from QLT Consumer Lease Services for the answering machine for the City. Mayor Chesser will contact them and discontinue the service.

Sam's Club — Mayor Chesser went to Sam's Club and was able to obtain the necessary charge cards for Jerry Wild and herself. She was also able to save money by combining some of the membership accounts.

Sanitation — Mrs. Keefe will get the specs for sanitation services prepared for the March meeting.

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Audit — Mr. Wild contacted Blue & Company and received five copies of the Audit. He gave a copy to both Mrs. Liebert and Ms. Garrett, who do not have access to personal e-mail, and will e-mail digital copies to the rest of the Council, the Mayor, the Clerk, and Attorney Hendricks. All were asked to review the audit and be ready to discuss it at the March meeting.

Budget — Mr. Wild and Attorney Hendricks will begin working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Removal — Mayor Chesser reported that County Wide is doing a great job of taking care of our City streets. Mr. Fortwengler said that he noticed they are going really fast on the streets and suggested that they might be more efficient if they slowed down. Mayor Chesser will take this concern to Brandon Vincent at County Wide.

New Construction — Mayor Chesser reported that there is a 30,000-square-foot facility called Jennings Crossing being built at the corner of Produce Road and Chefs Way.

4500 Conaem Drive — Resident Tiffany Woodson reported that she did an online search for the largest restaurant company and Subway was listed as number one, followed by McDonald's, Starbucks, and KFC, in that order. Council members expressed concerns that the new tenants at 4500 Conaem Drive don't have any incentive to use Stober Road to access the facility once they are already occupying the space and are using the Conaem Drive address on their corporate identity materials. Our hope is that we can convince them otherwise. Mayor Chesser suggested that we may need to add more speed humps on Conaem Drive, if permissible, to deter speeding.

District 10 Update — Mayor Chesser reported that she attended the January 27 meeting and that it was very informative. Although nothing was discussed that directly impacts us, attending the meetings keeps us connected.

LMPD 6th Division Update — Mayor Chesser attended the February 9 meeting. They are planning the National Night Out that will take place in August of this year.


Don't Be a Victim — Mayor Chesser shared a copy of a flyer from 6th Division Metro Police that gave information about making vehicles unattractive targets for thieves. Mrs. Keefe will put it on our website.

Inventory of City Streets — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of a list of roadways within our City boundaries that are our responsibility to maintain.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garrett. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m. All those persons noted as being present at the beginning of this meeting, unless otherwise indicated, remained throughout.

Approved at the meeting of the City Council held on 3-9-16.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk