

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Groat at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Groat, Nevin Taylor, Henk Berbee

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg DeLong, Tim Aslaner, Taylor Evans with Journal Tribune, Donald Boerger, and Brandon Cregan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on January 26, 2014 were approved as presented. Mr. Taylor requested more details be placed into the minutes.

AGENDA:

Review 10 year Comprehensive Plan for the City of Marysville:

Mrs. Groat asked if everyone had a copy of the matrix that they were going to be discussing, either the print out from January or the larger paper that was handed out tonight.

Mr. Berbee thanked Mr. DeLong for putting the information together for the meeting. Mr. DeLong made an inventory of permits that have been given. Mr. Berbee said his first concern was that Weaver Road is going to get an extra 150 more homes on top of what is currently there. He is worried that there will be another situation like in Mill Valley. Mr. DeLong explained we could have between 2,700-2,800 more homes in Marysville. He also said you have to take into consideration that some these homes include some plats that have expired, which means they have to start over the platting process. Mr. DeLong explained that the west side of Weaver Road, which includes Adena Point and the future Culpepper and the eastside of Weaver Road will fall the innovation district. Mr. Berbee said when you are looking at number 7 on the matrix, by the time that you get to Adena Point, there is still about 180 lots available. Once those are built, Mr. Berbee is concerned with where is the traffic going to go or how the traffic is going to move through town. What if they do want to go to City Gate or to Coleman's Crossing they are going to come up on Fifth Street and from Fifth Street on that is going to continue to generate an additional flow of traffic. Mr. Berbee suggested making a connection from Weaver Road to Clymer Road, to reduce the traffic flow into downtown.

Mr. DeLong said that this is tied it into the Cites' Thoroughfare Plan, which is just about land use. Mr. DeLong said there is supposed to eventually be a road that connect all the way over to Industrial Parkway. It is not finalized by location but the Thoroughfare Plan does identify the need for a connector road between Weaver and Industrial Parkway. The location can still be determined. Mrs. Groat asked if we were working with the County on the connector road. Mr. DeLong said it is a City project and we would have to coordinate with the County and the Airport Authority as well as make sure the FAA rules are followed. Mr. Taylor commented we cannot get much closer than what is already there. Mr. DeLong agreed with Mr. Taylor, we are limited to what we can do. Mr. Berbee mentioned that they open the gates and let traffic through

during the balloon rally, so they must need a special permit. Mr. Berbee mentioned his concern that if we get another 180 homes, that is going to increase the volume of traffic on that side of town considerably.

Mr. Berbee said if you look at all the other areas on the matrix, we currently have 14 active developments. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. DeLong, do you foresee us putting a road from 31 to Raymond in the Mill Valley area. Mr. DeLong said that is actually also on the Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. DeLong to share with the Committee a copy of the Thoroughfare Plan, so they could identify the backup concerns.

Mrs. Groat asked Mr. DeLong, if we have received any hint of development across 31 from Mill Valley. Mr. DeLong replied no. Mrs. Groat said that is going to be a roadway improvement. Mr. DeLong said that is originally where Meijer was going to go. Meijer was going to put the road in and if they would of it would have been a great thing.

Mr. Taylor said he counted we have seven City developments that are going to be “expired”. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. DeLong, do you perceive any of them coming back to the table at all? Mr. DeLong said the Oaks and the Oaks Phase 2. Mr. DeLong said one of them is multifamily, and one is single family. Mr. Taylor asked if Mr. DeLong thought that the single family would come back before the multi-family. Mr. DeLong said he hopes so. The multi-units are developed high. Mr. Taylor commented because they are working on a PUD. Mr. DeLong said that gave them a little more flexibility. Mrs. Groat asked Mr. DeLong, if they can recheck the dates and update the matrix to see when things are being completed. Mr. Taylor asked if May was enough time for Mr. DeLong. Mr. DeLong replied he is working on something right now, so a more appropriate time would be June. Mr. Taylor said that was fine, they just wanted to have a time frame.

Council Rules of Procedure for 2015:

Mrs. Groat said Mrs. Jones has put our suggested changes in red. She said regarding Rule 1.1 strikeout “these votes shall be by secret ballot.” Mrs. Groat said she would entertain a motion to present this change to Council. Mr. Taylor said he was ok with finalizing it, and passing it on to Council. Mr. Berbee seconded. All were in favor of this change being sent on to Council to review.

Mrs. Groat suggested Mrs. Jones strike the sentence from the Council Rules and Procedures “These votes shall be by secret ballot.” Mr. Taylor thought a better suggestion would be for Mrs. Jones to provide Council with the same packet that the Committee was reviewing. Mr. Aslaner asked if the Committee would like to pass the amendments as a resolution. He also asked if they would like a separate resolution for each amendment. Mr. Taylor said no, just one resolution and if any one council member wants to pull it out one of the amendments, we can address it then. Mr. Taylor thought, that all of the suggestions blend together real nice. Mr. Taylor said this will come before Council on the second Thursday in March, in order to give Council enough time to review it.

Mrs. Groat said next amendment is Rule 19, starting with the paragraph that reads “an agenda for each meeting shall be made available for public notice prior to the scheduled meeting, minutes

shall be recorded and made available to the public” with the following addition being in red “each committee shall meet a minimum of 9 times each year and each meeting’s agenda shall contain an item for hearing of the citizens, which will precede the remaining agenda items, if any”.

Mr. Berbee informed the Committee that the Ad Hoc Committee is talking about modeling their meetings the same way that Gahanna does. The second Thursday would be a Council meeting, and the third Thursday all committees would meet. Mrs. Groat said we are right now working on amendments for 2015 and we can readdress Rule 19 for 2016 in the future. Mr. Aslaner said the Ad Hoc Committee is proposing and right now it is up for discussion, is to have a Council wide work session once every four weeks or once a month. And then prior to the work session, they are proposing to have all the committees meet. Mr. Aslaner explained that committee meetings would be on a particular day and they would only meet for 30 minutes or 45 minutes, and then the other committees would meet for 30-45 minutes and then following the committee meetings you would have a work session. Mr. Aslaner said if that is done 12 times a year it is compatible with this amendment. Mr. Taylor said we are saying the committees need to have at least 9 meetings per year. Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Groat agreed they both like the minimum verbiage. Mr. Taylor said however, it is a minimum, if the committee wants to change it to 12 meetings per year or 2 per month that is ok too, we are just saying it has to be at least 9 per year.

Mrs. Groat said when she came in with this last month, her thoughts were that the community deserves to know that we are not going to neglect to meet because of lack of agenda items. And that is also why she would like to add a piece on the agenda of community input as an accessibility issue. She feels that even if the meeting last for 20 minutes, we have still given the community an opportunity to speak. She said how that works in 2016, will need to be determined.

The next suggested amendment is Rule 19.1, with the addition of “Written reports, including a minority report, if any, may be prepared and given to the Council Clerk in time to be placed in Council’s packet for the next possible regularly scheduled meeting”. Mr. Taylor discussed with Mr. Aslaner and they both agreed to remove the word possible. The new amendment to Rule 19.1 should read: “Written reports, including a minority report, if any, may be prepared and given to the Council Clerk in time to be placed in Council’s packet for the next regularly scheduled meeting”. All were in favor of sending this suggested amendment to Council to review.

The final suggested amendment to the Council Rules & Procedures is Rule 26. Rule 26 should read “On an annual basis Public Affairs Committee shall review Council Rules of Procedure, and in February of each year the Committee will report to Council its recommendations, if any.” Mr. Taylor said this just gives the Committee a time frame to this done by the end of the month.

Mr. Berbee wanted to make sure that this was not already covered in the Charter. Mr. Taylor told him that it is not, it just states that we should review them on an annual basis. All were in favor to send this suggested amendment to Council.

Mr. Taylor informed the Committee that in 2016 there will be a major revision to Rule 19 because we may add more committees or we may see a marriage of some of the committees, which will be discussed at our retreat on March 3, 2015. Mr. Taylor spoke with Mr. Aslaner about sending out revisions and striking through the items deleted on the old Council Rules and Procedures, and adding the suggested changes in red. Mr. Aslaner was in agreement with this.

Comments from Citizens:

Mrs. Groat thanked Ms. Evans for coming to the meeting, and told her she was welcome back anytime. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. DeLong, since he has sat in on these types of changes before with other committees. Did he feel that they were worrying about something that shouldn't be worried about or is just make things a little clearer. Mr. DeLong was in agreement with the suggested changes and wished that the minimum meeting requirement of 9 times a year was across the board for all the Boards and Commissions.

Mrs. Groat asked if there were any comments from any of the citizens in attendance. There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.