

**Council of the Village of Yellow Springs
Retreat Minutes**

Virtual Meeting 3-5pm

Friday, January 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Brian Housh called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Housh, Vice President Kevin Stokes and Council members Lisa Kreeger and Carmen Brown. Also present were Village Manager Josue Salmeron and Public Works Director Johnnie Burns.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL GOALS RESPECTIVE TO PUD

Housh noted the challenge related to conveying correct information to the public as an improvement goal. He stated that he'd like information from Oberer regarding their interest in purchasing the property. He stated that a walk-through of both maps will be useful, with the ability to go over traffic patterns, housing types, etc.

Stokes asked for information related to any Village owned land available between the development site and US 68. He pushed for a plan that prioritized an apartment complex on the donated land.

Kreeger asked for the possibility of stubbing in a road off of US 68. She noted the need to include the possibility for an apartment building on the PUD site, not just on the donated land.

Kreeger asked for greater variation in the design available in the houses offered. She asked about the possibility for custom design. She added the need for sidewalks within the PUD.

Brown asked for a response as to "what is affordable". She asked who would be managing the properties, and what the homebuyer will "look like" in terms of a general profile, in particular with regard to the duplexes.

Housh noted that he and MacQueen had met with Oberer and asked "contextual questions" on January sixth, which will address a number of the questions Brown noted.

Salmeron stated his primary goal as making certain that Council members have all the information they need to make an informed decision. He noted that he has vetted the ideas that have been presented over the past 18 months, and commented that he wants to make sure he continues to have that ability as the discussion moves forward.

Housh stated that he will share the questions he and MacQueen asked of Oberer during their meeting on the sixth, sending them through the Clerk.

Stokes asked that a "FAQ" response sheet be prepared prior to the Wednesday meeting.

Salmeron offered to start a sharepoint document that will gather and address these questions.

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL WORK PROCESS

Housh asked for suggestions as to the most efficacious method of moving this matter forward.

Stokes commented that Village Staff are well served by a good PPM, and that a mix of both internal and external scrutiny would be beneficial.

Housh agreed to bring the matter forward with the suggestion that it be referred to a committee. This will be added to the Council Agenda.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCIL COMMISSIONS

Housh asked that the group discuss HRC and the Justice System Commission.

Stokes and Brown weighed in on the topic of HRC, and whether this Commission should continue in some, or a re-visioned capacity.

Kreeger suggested that the two Council members tasked with heading up HRC and/or JSC consider the missions and objectives of both entities to come up with a single commission which fulfills these functions. Kreeger noted that a reviewing body that considers comments and complaints on any Village entity should be considered, and that this body should be separate from both HRC and JSC.

The group discussed the role of a Citizen Review Board (CRB) as it might relate to a reviewing body that considers complaints both addressing and policing matters and outside of the context of policing.

Brown expressed hesitation regarding a body that addresses policing and other matters, noting the unique power dynamic involved in police and community relationships.

Kreeger stated her desire that the Citizen Review Board act as a stand-alone body due to the nature of the work involved, necessitating confidentiality, conflict resolution, etc.

Housh suggested that Brown and Stokes work together to find a way forward regarding the HRC and JSC.

Housh noted the need for the Finance Committee to begin to meet and to set clear goals which will be communicated to Council as a group.

FINALIZATION OF COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

The group deliberated the assignments and those are reflected in the Boards and Commissions updated document.

ADJOURNMENT

At, 5:00 Stokes MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Please note: These notes are not verbatim. Meetings are available through the

Brian Housh, Council President

Attest: Judy Kintner, Council Clerk