

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, February 11, 2013

Attendance:

Present:

Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
David Reese, Town Council President
Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Scott Preston, Town Council Member

Absent:

Fritz French, Town Council Member
Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Others present:

Richard Dickinson
Suzy Reese

Agenda and discussion:

- 1 . Mr. Reese called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. D. Reese stated that Emerson Houck has undertaken the archiving of significant records documenting the history of the Town over the past 80 years. He presented the Council with several items of particular note.
3. A. Kasper briefed the group on public safety with nothing significant to report. However there was a report in Meridian Hills of a copper guttering theft. Residents should be aware of such activity in the area.

There is also a concern about increased traffic through the Town while the College Avenue bridge is closed for renovation. Residents are reminded that DPW will hold an information open house to discuss the project (between 75th Street and School For The Blind). Attendees will have the opportunity to view the project plans and ask questions. It will be held February 19, 2013 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Park Tudor School, 7500 N. College Avenue.

3. Susy Reese presented a concept and color selection for the Town's 80th anniversary banner which will be displayed in the Town this year. Several comments were made. Suzy will include them in the final product. The three lamp posts installed at this point have banner arms installed. Future posts along the main streets will have them as well.

4. D. Reese briefed the Council on a meeting last month with the mayor's Chief-of-Staff Ryan Vaughan. Areas of discussion were the property tax circuit breaker, how the property taxes paid by town residents are allocated, and the Mayor's sustainability program, its impact on the Town and possible financing sources for the same.

It was noted that there are 80/20 Federal grants available. Ryan suggested that the City might co-sponsor a Town grant application if the Town has the 20% matching funds available. R. Parrin to discuss this with Lori Miser, DPW Director. Another funding source should the Town residents desire is a local option tax that would be collected by the County on the property tax bill and returned to the Town.

R. Dickinson offered to contact the president of Meridian Hills to further our understanding on how Town taxes are allocated by the County.

We also mentioned the lack of a pathway trail along College from the School For The Blind north to 86th street. We asked that Ryan consider this section in the Mayor's Trail program. It may also qualify as part of the Safe Routes to Schools initiative.

5. Steve Moss mentioned an updated directory, last published in 2010. He has some changes but is currently soliciting additional updates. D. Reese noted that, as new residents move to Town, a welcome packet be presented. This would be a good opportunity to gather the new resident's information to be included in the directory.

6. D. Reese led a discussion of the traffic issues surrounding a resident's participation in Holiday decoration contest in December as well as posted signage to attract visitors to the Town. The current Town ordinance regarding signage was reviewed. It was agreed that D. Reese will draft a letter to the resident from the Council advising Town requirements.

7. R. Parrin briefed the Council on the latest IPL requirements for the new lighting. He did a walk-through with the IPL engineer at all light locations and is currently developing an updated engineering estimate. It should not differ significantly from the original estimate. We will begin new traffic signage installation in the Spring. Once the estimate is complete, it was suggested that an executive session be held to review the scope and financing options. In addition, the Council had inquired about insuring the Town's lighting. R. Parrin reported that a \$30,000 policy carries an annual premium of \$200. The Council agreed to secure this policy.

There being no further business, S. Preston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Moss. D. Reese adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer