

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

WORK SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2016 MINUTES

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore and Messrs. Jeff Covode, Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, and Jack Lee and Ms. Melanie Hermes and Maria Walther. Also present were: Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAYER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

After a prayer led by Mr. Drees, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

WORK SESSION

Community Development Committee - Halter

- Update - National Historic Landmark Designation – Ms. Beth Sullebarger
 - Nomination documents are complete – expressed appreciation to Mayor Moore and the Municipal Manager for opening access to original historic records which enriched the application.
 - Key differences in National Historic Landmark and National Register District designations are boundaries and number of buildings.
 - For the National Register District, Ingram Avenue was not included because the houses were built in the 1950's after the Federal government sold the land. The period of significance for the National Historic Landmark Designation is 1935 to 1950; Ingram was included in this designation, however, because it was one of the original roadways included in the plan.
 - For the National Historic Landmark District, a report to Congress is periodically submitted by the National Park Service who will at some point contact the Municipal Manager for an update on the integrity of the district.
 - Currently, the application is now undergoing peer reviews which should be complete in several months. The next step is a review by the National Park Board after which a review by the National Advisory Park Board. The application is then forwarded to the Secretary of Interior for his/her signature. This is anticipated by the end of the year.

In reply to a question asked by Mr. Halter, Ms. Sullebarger stated once the documents are signed by the Secretary of Interior, Greenhills can use the logo for purposes of promoting the village. Ms. Sullebarger will inform the village of marketing endeavors used by other National Historic Landmark District communities.

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In response a query by Mayor Moore, Ms. Sullebarger will notify the Municipal Manager if revisions are necessary as the nomination makes its way through the process.

In answer to a question by Mr. Drees regarding vacant land within the boundaries of the designation, Ms. Sullebarger stated it would be in the best interest of the village to permit new construction that would be compatible with the type of existing structures to maintain the character of the district.

In reply to a question by Ms. Waltherr, Ms. Sullebarger stated current or future vacant land could be turned into park area as greenspace would not have a negative impact on the designation nomination.

In response to a query by Mr. Halter, Ms. Sullebarger further stated the village has the option of creating local historical districts.

In reply to a question by Mr. Lee, Ms. Sullebarger stated she will provide a summary of benefits of the Historical Landmark District designation.

Mr. Drees suggested Council discuss a communication plan to relate the information about the Historical Landmark District designation to the residents and public.

Services and Streets Committee - Covode

- Garbage Violations
 - Services and Streets Committee discussed this matter at the meeting of January 25, 2016. Regulations were reviewed and the current process to address violators was found sufficient.
 - A brochure is under development to bring information/regulations to the attention of the residents.
 - The village remains in contact with apartment landlords regarding this issue. This information is also included in the *New Resident Packet*. Detailed information about garbage/refuse is also available on the Greenhills website.
 - Mr. Halter suggested reducing significantly the tolerance level for habitual and belligerent offenders.
 - Discussion about *Door Store* flyers arose; a telephone number is available to opt out of delivery of the publication.

Other

- Laws and Rules Committee met on January 25, 2016 to discuss issues in various stages, including the dangerous/vicious dog ordinance and PUCO filings.

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- Traffic and Safety will meet tentatively on February 23, 2016, 5:00 p.m., Municipal Building.
- The Council Retreat will be held on February 20, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Municipal Building.
- Community Development Committee will meet on April 13, 2016, July 13, 2016, and October 12, 2015, all at 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building.
 - A “Farmers Market” is under discussion by the committee.
 - Sidewalk labels on walking paths will be replaced when weather permits.
- Municipal Manager – An update on the refuse/garbage collection process will be placed in the *Greenhills Journal*. Additionally, information on the amended process will be sent to residents by the Cincinnati Water Works. Rumpke will also send a flyer to residents containing a calendar of collection dates; anticipated date for delivery of recycling carts is February 27, 2016.
- *Manager’s Park Talks* is under development. The Municipal Manager and village staff will be available to share thoughts, answer questions and provide information. Additional information of this endeavor is forthcoming.
- A Federal mandate to update street signs was discussed.
- The Recreation Commission will meet on March 10, 2016, June 9, 2016, September 8, 2016 and December 8, 2016, all at 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building. The Recreation Committee will meet on the same dates at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Recreation Commission meeting.
- The Services and Streets Committee will meet on February 22, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Municipal Building
- The Laws and Rules Committee will meet on February 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building.
- Police Chief Ferdelman – Invited the Mayor and Council to attend the *Citizens Police Academy* which will take place on February 4, February 10, February 18 with graduation on February 24, 2016, all at 6:00 p.m. A summary of the presentations was provided.

With no further business forthcoming, the work session adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/