

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
December 4, 2017

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legislative and Finance Committee

Vacant Property Permits

Mr. Jetter announced that he recently emailed city council the information that Mr. Helmes is putting together the ordinance so that council can vote on vacant property permits. A discussion ensued. Mr. Jetter will continue to do research and this topic will be back on the agenda in January 2018.

Public Works Committee

Proposed Dog Park 4208B Schenck Avenue

Mr. Jetter announced that the owner of 4208B Schenck Avenue, behind the old Ward's Florist house, inquired about putting in a dog park in that grassy property. This will have to go through the Planning and Zoning Committee as it would be a for profit/business.

Grant Update

Mr. Jetter announced that we have received another million dollar grant for the Blue Ash Road Project which is 100% funded. Mr. Jetter will meet on Wednesday with ODOT regarding the project. \$79,000 will be refunded to the city for engineering fees.

Streets Update

Mr. Jetter stated that he has a meeting on Tuesday December 5 with the individuals who did the onyx program. Mr. Jetter would like to solve problems with streets already done as well as improving several other streets. The O'Leary Avenue funding was already provided. President Comer mentioned the big pothole at the end of Hegner Avenue.

December 14, 2017 Presentation to the Cincinnati Business Committee on Ohio Capital Budget Prioritization Task Force on a grant request for phase one of \$500,000.00 for the community center. Phase Two Howard School Purchase, Phase Three Amphitheater next to the community center

Mr. Jetter stated that we have put in for a million dollar grant to improve the community center and in case we need funds to buy Howard School as well as to build an amphitheater next to the community center which would be a great place to have Music in the Park. Additional funding is available through programs for music in education. These will go in three phases.

2018 Plan for City Council and Our City

Mr. Jetter advised council that in January we will hit the ground running as we have a large agenda. We need to come up with a new mission statement. There is so much economic development funding available to us and we will have a large discussion project with visitors in February from Columbus, OH and in March from New York to assess our economic vision. The March visit is funded by Hamilton County.

Tax Code

Mr. Helmes recommended upgrading our tax code so that not paying taxes is no longer a misdemeanor but an M4 instead. Mr. Helmes will have a proposed ordinance for city council to consider on December 11.

Schedule and Events

January 1, 2018 Installation of Elected Officials Swearing in Ceremony 1 pm

January 2, 2018 Council Committee Meeting 7 pm

January 8, 2018 Council Meeting 7 pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council