

CIRCLEVILLE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE 3/29/2022

MARCH 30, 2022

7:30 PM

Neighborhood Parks
and Municipal parking

Council Chambers
127 South Court Street
Circleville, Oh 43113

MEETING CALLED BY	Chair Sheri Theis
CLERK	Linda Chancey, Clerk
MEMBERS PRESENT	Cmte members present Tom Duvall and Caryn Koch-Esterline. Others present Barry Keller; Todd Brady; Jeff Hallinin. Invited Guests: Service Director Jim Stanley.
1. MINUTES	Theis stated the minutes for January 25,2022 and February 22,2022 are approved as read.

2. New Business

Discussion – Neighborhood Parks

	<p>This explained there are three community parks in the city, Ted Lewis Park, Barthelmas Park and Mary Virginia Crites Hanna Park. Maps were shown to the cmte. Also, there is Smith Park and one in Garden City. these parks surround the city and are difficult for some children to get to them. The children lost their neighborhood parks when the new city schools built and combined all the grades into one campus.</p> <p>After speaking to the mayor, the Corwin Street property next to the Everts apartments is being considered again. This would serve the north and south sides of the city. The School Board is not interested in selling this property at this time, but they might lease this property to the city. The city could install basketball courts, skatepark and tennis courts or whatever the city wanted and develop that property for children. And to serve the north there is the Atwater Ave lot that is currently for sale</p> <p>Duvall explained there are two- acres located at Atwater Ave. and asking price is \$110,00 and negotiable, from realtor, we could use that property for a park too. I would like for Council to consider that. Theis suggested it could be a playground too. The city would need to develop a plan for it, and someone could buy and/or donate the property to the city. Koch-Esterline agreed, this property will equally serve several age groups for the city.</p> <p>Duvall agreed with the idea with Corwin Street lot too.</p> <p>Stanley explained that the cost would depend on the level of basketball courts installation but will research cost for this to happen. We have the current basketball back equipment in storage. The surface will need to be paved also. Cost would be on the lower side and have service dept hep with this project.</p> <p>Keller stated if we would acquire those properties pickleball and tennis courts are what people are asking for.</p> <p>Theis stated we need options to look at...such as acquiring the property first. The mayor did apply for grant monies for Barthelmas Park, so we need to wait to find if the city receives it and move thru for development. Theis concluded with there are basketball courts, pickleball, baseball, softball, soccer, and playground equipment out at Barthelmas Park. This is something to think about for the city's future needs.</p>
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b. Discussion- Municipal Parking

	<p>Jim Stanley stated the opportunity was presented to the mayor for a downtown lot that has not been advertised and the owners are willing to sell, and it could be used for municipal parking lot.</p>
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The lot would create more parking in the downtown with landscaping and charging stations. The mayor did get an appraisal and price of opinion, and which is lower than asking price to consider, 144 East Main St., known as the old Circle D bowling alley, Hallinin asked did you get a number of spots for parking cars? Stanley stated "Yes, we did, and it depends on the egress maybe 30 to 40 parking spaces or 30 spaces with landscaping.

Kock- Esterline asked are there plans to place in a parking garage with retail space. Stanley stated not at this time more land is required for lot spaces and this lot is not big enough. Stanley stated they are asking \$150,000 for that lot. Theis asked the cost to purchase lot and plus cost of paving. Stanley suggested \$200,000 is more realistic. Duvall and Kock- Esterline are both in favor for more parking in the downtown.

Theis stated there are three acquisitions to think to consider, Circle D lot, Corwin St. lot with lease and the Atwater lot, but we need to prioritize them. Currently, there are no hard numbers. This is just a preliminary look but needs to go to Finance Cmte for the funds. the Service Director is working on ordinances for the purchase of Circle D lot and Atwater lot, with no hard numbers

Duvall stated that he is in favor choices and donations to the city, we need to ask the mayor to start on this soon as possible. Theis stated the mayor made an appointment with the School Board in the first week of April for talks and will get back with us on the discussion.

Koch-Esterline suggested these choices are #1 Atwater Ave. and #2 Corwin St. and then #3 Circle D is my suggestions. Theis stated we use could use ARAP funds for the parks, but we need Administration's input too.

Brady stated that Corwin Street is my #1 choice for a park.

Jeremy Newman, Scioto Post new suggested Corwin St. and the Circle D get a park and a parking at the same time.

Duvall suggested if we can lease Corwin St. #1 and Atwater Ave #2 and Circle D #3.

Theis stated the consensus of the cmte is 1# Corwin St. #2 Atwater Ave. and #3 Circle D and this will be recommended to the Finance Cmte and the Law Director for legislation and the mayor's conversation is with the schools.

Duvall motioned basis on the three choices and forward to Finance Cmte for evaluation for funds and conversation from the Mayor's evaluation from schools.

3. Old Business

Theis updated the committee about the Comprehension Tree Plan revisions, they have not had a meeting yet. After the Tree Commission Board meet, I will come back with updates.

Adjournment

Koch-Esterline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. Duvall Seconded. All Yeas.