

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission

May 17, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Cambria County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 12 noon, at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mr. Rovansek.

PRESENT

Ronald M. Rovansek
Eric Wolf
Russell Kiel
James White
Rev. Sylvia King
Toni Renee Anderson
Lonnie Batdorf
Diane Waksmunski

ABSENT

David L. Belz

STAFF

Ethan C. Imhoff
Katie Kinka
Colleen A. Bukowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Kiel, the minutes of the April 19, 2018 CCPC meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The May Financial Statement was read by Mr. Imhoff and reviewed by those present. There being questions on the report, Mr. Batdorf made a motion that the May Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Imhoff stated that there was no correspondence to be read at this meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

Executive Director

Mr. Imhoff apprised the members of several meetings in which CCPC staff are participating. Noting his and Chris Allison's participation in a PA DOT training workshop, Mr. Imhoff explained that the training directly related to the administration of the Unified Planning Work Program and legislative updates and transportation initiatives pertinent to the program. Mr. Imhoff also noted that Shanna Sosko is attending a groundbreaking event in Richland Township. The REACHland Connect Groundbreaking Event is for a trail/sidewalk development project that will connect the UPJ Pitt Campus and the Richland Town Centre. He stated that subsequent phases of the project are aimed at continuing an accessway that links campus and community

residents with commerce and culture in the Schoolhouse Road/Theatre Drive area of Richland Township.

Mr. Imhoff reported that the Mount Aloysius College Sidewalk Project has been approved for funding through PA DOT's Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program. Noting that the project was a top priority of the Admiral Peary Highway Corridor Plan, Mr. Imhoff stated that the walkway will provide a safe pedestrian link between the college and the downtown Cresson area. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Batdorf regarding the maintenance of the sidewalk, Mr. Imhoff explained that the college and local property owners have agreed to maintain the sidewalk during the winter months.

Mr. Imhoff informed the members that an ongoing sidewalk project in Adams Township has also been chosen to receive funding through the Transportation Alternative Set Aside Program. He explained that the nearly one million dollars awarded to the Township will fund the final phase of a sidewalk project in the Forest Hills High School/Creslo area of Adams Township.

Regarding the *Alleghenies Ahead* regional comprehensive plan initiative, Mr. Imhoff apprised the members that a public hearing for the plan will be held on June 21, 2018, in conjunction with the regularly scheduled CCPC meeting. Mr. Wolf noted the importance of adhering to the Commission's five-minute time limit per individual presenting public comment. Mr. Imhoff stated that the second public hearing, sponsored by the County Commissioners, is scheduled for June 25th, and formal adoption of the plan by the County Commissioners is anticipated to take place on June 27th.

Senior Planner

Providing an update on the Route 271 Corridor Plan and the Old Conemaugh Borough Revitalization Plan, Ms. Kinka reported that she recently met with the lead consultant for the City's Brownfield Phase I/Phase II Site Assessment project. She stated that discussion at this meeting focused on the abandoned Pennsylvania Railroad/Historic Canal Basin site, which is located in the City's Old Conemaugh Borough neighborhood. Ms. Kinka also noted that the CCPC, the City of Johnstown, and the County Redevelopment Authority are currently collaborating discussions with Norfolk Southern regarding this prime property for the brownfield site assessment initiative.

Ms. Kinka reported that she continues to garner input for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan through steering committee meetings. Through discussion of multi-modal connections with CamTran, the members felt it would be beneficial to include high-transit usage areas as a metric for the Transportation Disadvantaged Population Index. Ms. Kinka indicated that CCPC staff will contact CamTran staff to facilitate the Commission's collection, analysis, and mapping of this information.

As a member of the Central Park Square Capture Team, Ms. Kinka was excited to inform the members that this team had recently been awarded a Vision 2025 grant in the amount of \$5,000. She explained that grant funds will assist in designing and adding pedestrian improvements and lighting enhancements in the Central Park area of the City of Johnstown.

Noting that there were no Agenda items listed under "Old Business" or "New Business" for today's meeting, Mr. Rovansek entertained a motion for adjournment. On a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Kiel, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.