

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission

June 21, 2018

The public hearing on the proposed update to the Cambria County Comprehensive Plan was held in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of the Cambria County Planning Commission. The public hearing/CCPC meeting was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 12 noon at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC HEARING

Attendance at the public hearing included CCPC members Ronald M. Rovansek, Eric Wolf, David L. Belz, Rev. Sylvia King, and Diana Waksmunski; Cambria County Commissioners Thomas Chernisky, B. J. Smith, and Mark Wissinger; Renee Daly, C.C. Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; Matt Barczak, Northern Cambria Area Business Alliance; and CCPC Staff.

Commission Executive Director Ethan Imhoff welcomed those in attendance and then provided a brief overview of the updated Cambria County Comprehensive Plan, entitled "Alleghenies Ahead". He explained that the plan discusses current and projected trends relative to socio-economic and housing conditions, transportation assets and recreational amenities; critical issues facing the area; and implementable strategies to sustain and improve the County going forward. Mr. Imhoff reviewed the action items of the following identified priorities in Cambria County: Broadband and Cell Service; Collaboration and Coordination; Business and Workforce Development; Recreation Amenities and natural Assets; Housing and Blight; and Transportation. There being no public comment on the proposed Plan, Mr. Imhoff noted that the adjacent counties of Clearfield and Westmoreland provided written positive comments on the plan.

CCPC MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the CCPC was called to order by Chair, Mr. Rovansek.

PRESENT

Ronald M. Rovansek
Eric Wolf
David L. Belz
Rev. Sylvia King
Diane Waksmunski

ABSENT

Russell Kiel
James White
Toni-Renee Anderson
Lonnie Batdorf

STAFF

Ethan C. Imhoff
Christopher D. Allison
Shanna Murphy Sosko
Katie Kinka
Colleen A. Bukowski

GUESTS

Commissioner Thomas Chernisky
Commissioner B.J. Smith
Commissioner Mark Wissinger

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Waksmunski, the minutes of the May 17, 2018 CCPC meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Imhoff presented the June Financial Statement. The report was reviewed by the members and no questions or comments were presented regarding the receipts and expenditures detailed on the statement. Noting that there will be no CCPC meeting in July, Mr. Belz made a motion that the June Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment as well as July payroll and general expenditures, be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waksmunski and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

STATUS REPORTS

Mr. Rovansek noted that no oral status reports would be given at this meeting. Mr. Imhoff stated that that any questions regarding the written monthly reports could be directed to pertinent staff.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Imhoff updated the members on the status of a zoning amendment request to the City of Johnstown which was reviewed by the CCPC in November, 2017. He explained that the amendment application, which requests rezoning of property located at 138 Cooper Avenue from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Business, has been approved by City Council and a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment is scheduled for July 11, 2018. Mr. Imhoff stated that the CCPC has been requested to provide comments or concerns on the proposed zoning amendment prior to the Public Hearing. In light of the fact that the petition for zoning amendment was previously reviewed by the Commission and comments submitted to the City of Johnstown, there was a general consensus among those present that no additional comments on the proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance be offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Noting that the Commission had advertised a Request for Quotations for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and the subsequent years of 2019 and 2020, Mr. Imhoff stated that one proposal had been received. He presented the following proposal received from BarnesSaly and Company, LLC: 2018 - \$5,200; 2019 - \$5,300; and 2020 - \$5,400. Mr. Imhoff recommended that the Commission retain BarnesSaly and Company, LLC, who has been completing the CCPC audit for the past several years, if the firm agrees to revise their fee schedule to \$5,200 for 2019 and 2020, as well as proposed for 2018. Mr. Belz made a motion that BarnesSaly and Company, LLC be engaged to complete the 2018, 2019 and 2020 CCPC audits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolf and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Imhoff apprised the members of a groundbreaking ceremony for replacement of the county-owned Von Lunen Street Bridge. Noting that the

ceremony is scheduled for July 3rd, Mr. Imhoff stated that Act 87 funds are being used for this bridge replacement.

Mr. Imhoff also stated that a celebration event is being planned for the completion and adoption of the Alleghenies Ahead Comprehensive Plan. The event is tentatively scheduled for July 20th at Pour On Center in Ebensburg, with light refreshments provided by the Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Belz, seconded by Mr. Wolf. Motion carried.