

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, June 9, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

Members: Council Member Turner Perrow, Chair, Council Member Joan Foster, Council Member Ceasar Johnson, Mayor Michael Gillette, ex-officio

Staff Present: Bonnie Svrcek, Gaynelle Hart, Kevin Henry, Kent White, Lee Newland, Robin Craig

Others Present: none

Contract Awards:

There were no new contracts awarded.

Update on Priority Projects:

Mr. Newland provided a general update on Capital projects, noting the following changes since the last PDC meeting:

--Wards Road Pedestrian Crossing 2B – Trail Phase 2B- Close out.

--Memorial – Park – Lakeside Intersection – Installing City utilities separate from Project; Advertised for rebid for intersection Improvements.

There was discussion regarding the “on-hold” status of the Lakeside Drive Improvements at Lynchburg College project and the possibility of a tie-in with the College Lake Dam improvements project. There was additional discussion regarding the Kemper Street Bridge demolition and citizen concerns about the new traffic flow at the intersection of Campbell and Kemper Street due to the bridge closure.

General Business:

1. ***Vacate a portion of Sky View Place*** — Winnifred C. Schenkel, the owner of 3424, 3429 Sky View Place and 2859 Link Road, is petitioning to vacate right-of-way at the end of the cul-de-sac on Sky View Place; this right-of-way is currently unopened. The total area of the proposed vacation is approximately one hundred eighty-two thousandths (0.182) of an acre. This right-of-way vacation is contingent upon a subdivision plat being approved by the TRC, which will provide for a boundary line adjustment that meets City Subdivision Ordinance standards. The unopened portion of the cul-de-sac only serves a need if the property were to be developed for future residential use. Staff believes the steep topography of the property limits the development potential beyond the existing cul-de-sac.

Mr. Henry briefed the Committee on the details of the right-of-way vacation, and noted the large portion of land located behind the property is not likely to be developed due to steep topography. He also noted the property owner is still addressing comments from the Technical Review Committee (TRC) and this petition will come before City Council after those issues have been met.

There was discussion regarding potential housing development on properties not perceived as “buildable” in the past and the adjustment of lot lines for the subdivision in order to meet TRC approval.

The PDC had no objections to moving forward to full Council for consideration.

Roll Call:

Council Member Foster inquired about the policy of grass cutting in natural areas and possibility of volunteers to “adopt” or form a “Friends of” organization to assist in landscaping particular areas (ex. Monument Terrace). Ms. Hart indicated she would be willing to talk to interested citizens.

Council Member Johnson thanked Ms. Hart for re-establishing the bridge beautification work at Daniel’s Hill. He also asked about official signage for the White Rock Hill area. Ms. Hart indicated these were usually done on an interest basis from the neighborhood and requested a representative contact her directly.

Mayor Gillette indicated he was contacted by a citizen regarding trees overgrowing from City-owned property at 3001 Bass and person is interested in acquiring ownership through a vacation to take over responsibility of maintenance.

Next meeting: July 14, 2015