



TOWN OF KILMARNOCK

Council Committee Notes –Streets, Sidewalks, Playground

Date: January 5, 2012 Time: 8:30 AM Location: Town Hall

Town Council Member Attendees:

X = present

Chair: Council Member Shawn Donahue	___
Vice Mayor William Smith	<u>X</u>
Council Member Rebecca Tebbs Nunn	<u>X</u>
Mayor Raymond Booth (ex-officio)	<u>X</u>

Town Staff Attendees:

Town Manager Tom Saunders	<u>X</u>
Asst. TM Susan Cockrell	<u>X</u>
Supervisor, Maintenance, Fleet, Buildings and Grounds Franklin Carter	___

Visitors: **Audrey Thomasson, Rappahannock Record**

Notes on Discussions:

1. The committee discussed potential actions to address a street light at the entrance to Technology Drive. Dominion Power does not have power distribution at the intersection of Harris Rd.\Technology Dr. but brings it in from DMV Drive. Conversations are underway with Dominion’s engineering group to determine options. The Town doesn’t own any property at the entrance area to place lighting.
2. The committee discussed cost sharing of a street light for Mercer Place. Initial pricing from Dominion Power is in excess of \$5,000. Bill Warren to review other options from his property.
3. A review of Bob Sowder’s interest in donating open space at Grace Hill to Town of Kilmarnock shows this not to be a workable approach. Of concern are the legal issues of “common space” that are part of the deeded covenants of the homeowners association and the storm water management pond that is also part of this open space. John Martin (representing Mr. Sowder) has also requested a 100’ wooded buffer between the Grace Hill property and the Town’s nearby property that is under rezoning discussion (R-1 to M-1). A wooded buffer exists today and M-1 zoning requires a 100’ setback as well.
4. Staff presented an initial draft ordinance on derelict structures modeled after the City of Norfolk’s.
5. The committee was updated on discussions with Ken Thompson regarding two parking spaces along E. Church St. (adjacent to Anchor Pharmacy). Mr. Thompson understands that these two spaces will be eliminated. VDOT has been requested to remove the existing handicapped sign and replace with “no parking” signs.
6. Staff provided an update on a fireworks display: Costs are ~\$13,000 and would most likely have to be launched from a spot outside of town. After discussion, it was determined not to pursue this in 2012.

FYI Only:

1. Annual winter snow removal letter to go out to Steptoe’s merchants in early January.
2. Our Streets team is to be commended for the efficient removal of lighted Christmas décor the first week of January.
3. Council members provided feedback on holiday programs in anticipation of 2012’s season. The tree lighting will again occur on the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving and the Town continues to value the Chamber’s annual lighted Christmas parade and supports its continued occurrence.
4. Several pickets in the playground fencing were recently repaired by staff from Booth’s Landscaping. This was appreciated.

Recommendations to Council:

Action item(s):

1. It was determined not to pursue fireworks in 2012.

Recommended for further study:

1. Continued review and discussion of derelict structures and appropriate actions.