



TOWN OF KILMARNOCK

Council Committee Notes –Streets, Sidewalks, Playground

Date: February 2, 2012 Time: 8:30 AM Location: Town Hall

Town Council Member Attendees:

X = present

Chair: Council Member Shawn Donahue ___
 Vice Mayor William Smith ___X___
 Council Member Rebecca Tebbs Nunn ___X___
 Mayor Raymond Booth (ex-officio) ___

Town Staff Attendees:

Town Manager Tom Saunders ___X___
 Asst. TM Susan Cockrell ___X___
 Supervisor, Maintenance, Fleet, Buildings
 and Grounds Franklin Carter ___X___

Visitors: None

Notes on Discussions:

1. The committee discussed the progress on entrance street lighting onto Technology Drive. Dominion Power will provide service at either of the existing street lights at little to no cost. The Town would be responsible to run service from there to the site of the lighted sign. This would be a sign with multiple panels that could be purchased by individual businesses (similar in concept to Chesapeake Commons entrance). The committee recommended that TM Saunders proceed with electrical installation and seek potential sign designs.
2. Bill Warren has offered a 50% cost sharing of a street light for Mercer Place. He will install the lighting from the property vs. the Town procuring a Dominion Power street light.
3. The committee recommends that the draft ordinance on derelict structures be finalized and moved forward to the full Council for adoption. Will require a public hearing once agreed by Council.
4. VDOT has removed the signage for the two parking spaces along E. Church St. and replaced with “no parking” from the front of the Palmer Building to the corner of Main Street.
5. The committee was given a preview of trolley operations for 2013 and 2014. Bay Transit is proceeding to secure funding for a new trolley (available in 2013) but wants to confirm our continued commitment for the Triangle Trolley program. Effectively, this is a commitment to be the host organization for the \$8400 annual program cost (costs are shared with Towns of Irvington and White Stone as well as offset by advertising revenue). Committee recommends committing to the trolley program for FY 13 and FY 14 budgets. (shared with Admin\Finance & Economic Development subcommittee)
6. Intermediate plans for hanging baskets from Keep Kilmarnock Beautiful as to have a limited amount of baskets (4-6) purchased by the Town for 2012. This would allow for a learning curve for maintenance and plant selection prior to a subscription program in 2013.
7. The committee reviewed the Kiwanis’ fund raiser for the playground gazebo to be held March 17th (1st annual Shamrock Classic duck pin tournament) and a request for the Town to be a sponsor. The committee recommends a \$250 sponsorship. Additionally, the committee discussed both the benefits and challenges of a public playground.

FYI Only:

1. Dog Park bricks should be ready for installation in an April time frame. We will proceed with developing the location and ceremonial activities.
2. From VML: Blight-fighting legislation advances
 - A House bill that creates a new tool for local governments to use in dealing with blight was reported unanimously by the House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee.
 - HB 491 (Dance) allows a locality to ask a court to appoint its agent as the receiver of blighted property, to borrow money to rehabilitate it, and to put the house or other residential building into a condition that is livable and marketable. The original owner may pay off the costs of rehabilitation at any time. If, at the end of the process, the original owner is unable to pay off the costs, the locality may obtain court permission to sell the house or other structure.
 - SB 122 (Watkins) is an identical bill winding its way through the Senate.

Recommendations to Council:**Action item(s):**

1. **Committee recommends approval of electrical installation (anticipated to be <\$2000) to support lighted signage at Technology Drive and sign design concepts.**
2. **Committee recommends committing to the trolley program for FY 13 and FY 14 budgets.**
3. **Committee recommends town staff proceed with the purchase of 4 hanging baskets and associated brackets for this season.**
4. **The committee recommends a \$250 sponsorship of the 1st annual Shamrock Classic duck pin tournament benefiting the Kiwanis' Kids Foundation and their efforts to build a shelter at the playground.**

Recommended for further study: None