



TOWN OF KILMARNOCK

Council Committee Report –Streets, Sidewalks, Playground

Date: January 8, 2014

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Town Hall

Town Council Member Attendees:

Town Staff Attendees:

X = present

Chair: Council Member William Smith X

Town Manager Tom Saunders X

Council Member Shawn Donahue

Deputy TM Susan Cockrell X

Council Member Rebecca Tebbs Nunn X

Public Works & Utilities Superintendent,

Mayor Raymond Booth (ex-officio)

Franklin Carter X

Director of Zoning\Planning, Marshall Sebra X

Visitors: Stan Piertryk, owner 51 N. Main Street (Flower Cart\Moxie\Rittenhouse Salon bldg.)

Discussion items:

1. The committee reviewed the additional actions that are possible beyond the Uniform Maintenance Code to address derelict structures. Two areas will receive further review: 1) the extent to which the Town would need a “Redevelopment and Housing Authority” to have “spot blight” ordinance and 2) to determine how a tax abatement process would work as part of having a blight ordinance similar to Norfolk’s program where identified properties that are “cleaned up” can qualify for abatement on the increased property value or the town can take corrective action to have the work done and the costs applied as a lien to the property.
2. The contract for the master plan creation for Town Centre “Peoples’ Park” has just arrived and will be available in the Council packets.
3. The committee discussed extending holiday lighting along Mary Ball Rd. along the area of the new sidewalks. The area will be reviewed to see what pole fixtures will need to be discussed with Dominion VA Power for attaching the decorations. Considerations include accessibility for town staff. Funding would be needed as part of the FY 2015 budget.
4. Stan Piertryk reviewed a continuing issue with 2-way travel along Cralle Ct. The area is very narrow as it approaches Main Street, damage has already occurred on the building awnings and delivery vehicles (tractor trailer) have continued to use this as an access point to NN Ace Hardware. He requested Council to take reasonable actions to mitigate these safety concerns. This area is not a VDOT controlled street and is the purview of the Town of Kilmarnock.
5. Stan Piertryk also asked that the property boundaries to the rear of 51 N. Main and along the “alley” be identified such that he is clear where the boundaries are as he plans to pave an area behind 51 N. Main. TM Saunders was directed by the committee to get costs for a proposal to identify the boundaries.
6. The committee discussed a request to VDOT to provide parallel parking striping along Irvington Rd. Staff will formalize a letter to David Brown on this item.
7. The committee discussed requesting VDOT’s direction for engineering work for an improvement along the area of Irvington Rd\School St. intersection. Staff will formalize a letter to David Brown on this item.

FYI:

1. We are awaiting warmer weather to address the potholes in the alley behind WF Booth Furniture.
2. The committee was updated on staff discussions with NN Burger on golf cart use. While the committee maintains its position that this is a safety issue, we will seek additional guidance from VDOT.

Recommendations to Council:

Action item(s):

1. **The committee recommends to Town Council that Cralle Court be returned to a 1 way street from Main Street to behind Moxie\Rittenhouse Salon (through the “S” turn) and that appropriate signage be placed along this area.**

Recommended for further study:

1. Staff to provide further review on: 1) the extent to which the Town would need a “Redevelopment and Housing Authority” to have a “spot blight” ordinance and 2) to determine how a tax abatement process would work between Kilmarnock and Lancaster\Northumberland counties.
2. Staff to seek input from VDOT on golf cart considerations along Rt. 3 & 200.