

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes –2/05/2015

Meeting called to order: 5:30 PM on February 5, 2015, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Vic Pennington (excused)
Jeanette Burrage
Dave Kaplan

Other City Staff

Dan Brewer – Planning, Building & PW Director
Brandon Carver – Engineering Services Manager
George Delgado – Police Chief
Pat Bosmans – City Attorney
Tim George – Assistant City Attorney
Matt Hutchins – Prosecuting Attorney
Andrew Merges – Associate Engineer
Peggy Volin – Admin Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes from 10/02/2014 meeting
2. Barnes Creek Trail Update
3. Nuisance Property Abatement
4. Abandoned Residential Property Registration
5. RE-Write of Nuisance Chapter

MEETING:

1. Approval of Minutes from 10/2/2014 meeting: Unanimously approved.
2. Barnes Creek Trail Update: Associate Engineer Andrew Merges, brought the Committee up to date on the progress with the Barnes Creek Trail. KPG has been hired as the consultant to provide design services for the Trail from South 216th Street to Highline Community College. He also explained that this will be a multi-use trail providing regional and local connectivity and promotion of sustainable transportation. The regional connectivity is accessible to the planned Lake to Sound Trail, Des Moines Creek Trail with the potential to connect to the existing Green River and Interurban Trails. The local connectivity by means of future trail spurs would be to the Des Moines Creek Trail, Underwood Park, Post Office, Activity Center and Highline Community College. A recommended alignment was presented by staff for the corridor and agreed upon by the Committee members. Last, trail cross-sections were presented that illustrate trail segments on boardwalk and those on hot mix asphalt.
3. Nuisance Property Abatement: City Attorney Pat Bosmans, provided an update on the City's Nuisance Property Abatement Program and the 18 problem properties that were identified as being potential nuisance properties in the City. Photo's were presented showing "before" pictures of the properties as well as photos taken after the City's aggressive code enforcement measures that had been implemented in December of

2014. Pat stated that City staff continues to work with property owners and property management companies to gain voluntary compliance before abatement procedures through Superior Court would be initiated.

4. Abandoned Residential Property Registration: City Attorney Pat Bosmans presented a draft Abandoned Property Registration Ordinance modeled after similar ordinances in Spokane, Tacoma and Chula Vista. It was decided by the Committee to defer the draft Ordinance until additional research can be done on the administrative requirements of adopting an abandoned property registration program and to see if current code enforcement efforts will be effective without adopting additional ordinances.
5. Re-Write of Nuisance Chapter: Assistant City Attorney Tim George, presented a draft re-write of the City's current Nuisance Code in Chapter 9.64 DMMC. It was decided by the Committee to defer the draft Ordinance until additional research can be done on how the amendments would relate to the current enforcement process. Additionally, it was decided to wait and see if current code enforcement efforts will be effective without adopting additional ordinances.

Adjourned 6:50 pm

Minutes submitted by:
Peggy Volin
Administrative Assistant II