

RDC November 2018 Minutes

The last 2018 meeting of the RDC was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at Beech Grove City Hall. The meeting started at 7:32pm (1932 hours) and was attended by President Donald Webb, Secretary Cathy Chappell, Tara Wolf, Mark Rihm and School Board Representative Paul Kaiser. Vice President Ron Mote was absent.

First order of business was voting on the October 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mark Rihm to accept the minutes and was seconded by Tara Wolf. The minutes were approved.

Quite by mistake the bills for the month were not presented to the RDC so a decision was made to table the November bills until the January 10, 2019 meeting.

Mayor Buckley discussed the following:

1. He announced the city has to have 4 new environmental projects required by IDEM. to stay a "green" community. One is the pollinator garden.
2. There will be a public meeting at Hornet Park on Nov 13, 2018 at 7:30pm to discuss the roundabout at Churchman and Arlington.
3. New sidewalks will be installed on one side of 4th Avenue on the east side and also a new street.
4. IDEM is concerned about the landfill and the concern about methane gas. The mayor just wanted to bring it to the attention of the RDC.
5. The city is going to apply for funding for a roundabout at Perkins, Churchman and Southern Avenues.
6. There is a drainage project on Redfern between Biloxi and Killian.
7. The legislature meets in the spring and will introduce a bill that will allow the school board member to vote on RDC matters

Mr. Jim Coffman, treasurer of Next Stop Beech Grove, was the next speaker. He announced 4 of the 12 businesses backed out, more than likely because of finances. The OCRA grant is for \$600,000.00. The plan has been called to a halt to applying for the grant until spring of 2019. This is in hopes of getting more businesses on board. There is a 25% match. The local match will be roughly \$150,000.00 and the RDC agreed to help financially with a grant. Chris Henthone said the grant application will be filled at the end of June 2019.

President Don Webb asked Mr. Coffman how much he thought the RDC would be asked to contribute and he said basically anything. Don told Jim Next Stop BG would have to approach the RDC with specific amounts and exactly where the money would be diverted to.

The next speaker was Angel McKinney, a Parks Department employee who works at the Community Center. The parks department is currently working on two programs. They have received a \$13,000.00 grant. Angel passed out renderings of the current playground equipment which is 20 years old with sketches of new equipment. All the grants and fund raisers add up to \$54,000.00 and the parks department is short \$6,000.00.

The second project slated for next year by the Greens Scape Commission is a Sarah T. Bolton Pollinator Garden. It would be behind the maintenance building. It would start on the west side of the building. It would be a nature area with a path. The commission does not have any funds so this would be paid for with grants and donations. It will run on the east side of the creek and the greenway path will run on the west side.

Cathy Chappell made a motion to give \$6000.00 to the parks department and the motion was seconded by Tara Wolf. The motion carried.

Attorney Robert Rund gave details on filings required by the RDC.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Tara to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 8:16pm (2016 hours).

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary

