

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Vice Mayor Weedman presided over the September 4, 2018, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Vice Mayor Weedman were Council Members Brown, Dockendorf, Gooch, Jamerson and Posey, Village Clerk Parker, and Village Administrator Christie. Mayor Staton was not present.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Weedman led the group in a moment of silent meditation. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL/CHANGES

Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Vice Mayor Weedman introduced and welcomed Polly Angelakis, Superintendent of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. Ms. Angelakis mentioned she and her husband recently moved to Hendersonville in late May early June from Maui, Hawaii. She spoke about the need for the new parking lot due to safety concerns with the existing parking lot, and the overflow parking on Little River Road. She also mentioned a new amphitheater is in the process of being built and will be completed in time for the naturalization ceremony on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, and a 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on October 17, 2018 in the amphitheater.

Public Comments – None

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- July 30, 2018 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- August 9, 2018 – Council Meeting Minutes
- Reappointment of Victoria Flanagan and appointment of Jimmy Chandler as members of the Board of Adjustment, with terms ending August 13, 2021

Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Special Reports

2. Administration – Village Administrator Christie

Administrator Christie reviewed the August 2018 zoning report dated August 30, 2018, and the Village Administrator report dated August 30, 2018 (see attached reports).

3. Park Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown gave an update on the following:

Park Wi-Fi – The internet connection to the park through Morris Broadband is complete and public wi-fi is available in the Pavilion. Password protected wi-fi is also available in the Rudnick Room.

Hester Overlook - A new stone path to the overlook was completed in late August.

Wildflower Meadow – A temporary fence has been installed around the area to act as a silt barrier and to limit access as necessary. The area was sprayed and tilled last week in preparation for seeding in October.

Egolf Bridge – Construction of the bridge began yesterday and is expected to take approximately three weeks.

Playground shade structure – Initial electrical work on the shade structure occurred over the last two weeks. We are still aiming to begin construction on the structure itself no later than November.

Drinking fountains – We had two more plumbers, for a total of four, prepare estimates last week on the installation of two drinking fountains and a water spigot in the pollinator garden. We hope to select a plumber later this week and to begin work this month.

Nature Center – Designs for a bench in the Nature Center as well as the final information panel about birds are being developed.

Tot Lot – Drawings are available for anyone to review. A list and description of amenities included in the drawing should be received later this week or next week. Plans are for the tot lot to be under construction soon with completion in the spring of 2019.

4. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch turned the discussion over to Myra Grant who reported the net proceeds from the Feast & Frolic event, which will support the tot lot and playground shelter, was approximately \$40,000.00 toward the \$125,000.00 campaign. The Foundation hopes to finish the campaign by December 31, 2018.

Dennis Flanagan stated an insert for the newsletter includes drawings of the playground shelter, as well as a conceptual drawing of the tot lot to solicit donations. He stated there will be a pumpkin patch sale in October, for which the Foundation is working on the details.

5. Transportation Update – Council Member Dockendorf

Council Member Dockendorf mentioned we have been awarded a grant to study a potential greenway/walking path between Carl Sandburg Home and the Park at Flat Rock. The grant is being administered by the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Tristan Winkler is the leader of the Greenways Feasibility Study Committee. He stated the first meeting of the committee will be held Friday, September 21, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. Members of the old Bike Pedestrian Committee were invited to participate on the Greenways Feasibility Study Committee, and three members declined. David Workman, Will Sheehan, Don Farr, Rick Merrill, and Dennis Flanagan stated they will participate on the new committee.

Council Member Dockendorf made a motion to add Nancy Lange, Gary Gretsche, Polly Angelakis, and Anne Coletta as members of the Greenways Feasibility Study Committee, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Council Member Dockendorf stated the project has made it to the State Transportation Improvement Plan, and in September or October we will be asking TAC (Traffic Advisory Committee) if we should move forward with this project.

Council Member Dockendorf reported NCDOT is close to having the revised Kanuga Road conceptual plan ready, and a public workshop to unveil the plan will be held when it has been completed.

6. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of September 4, 2018, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 12%, with \$110,429.48 total collected (see attached report dated September 4, 2018).

Vice Mayor Weedman mentioned he closed a certificate of deposit account and moved funds to a money market account with a 1.75% interest rate.

He mentioned he will be out of town September 12 – 27, 2018.

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Other Business

7. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Gooch mentioned various items have been moved from the upstairs storage closet to the storage unit at Eagle Self Storage. He mentioned that landscape plantings are needed on the grounds of the Village Hall.

Council Member Brown reported that she, Liz Curtis and Dennis Flanagan, together with Top Gun Application Services Company walked and sprayed for kudzu eradication on 28 properties, August 22 – 24, 2018. Thirteen additional properties were identified to dig the kudzu in January, one property was skipped due to pending development, and six properties that had previously been treated no longer have kudzu.

Council Member Brown reported Shred Day is scheduled for October 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The collection of unwanted and outdated prescription drugs will again be included, as will the collection of canned goods and toiletries for IAM. Shred Day will be advertised on the website, newsletter, and local newspapers to inform the public.

Council Member Posey reported Dick Jackson is moving from Flat Rock and will no longer be serving on the Board of Adjustment. With the reappointment of Victoria Flanagan as a member and the appointment of Jimmy Chandler, who has served as an alternate, as a member, we are now looking for a candidate to serve as an alternate member of the board. The next Board of Adjustment meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Ms. Victoria Flanagan asked if there were any committees that need volunteers? She was told that a volunteer is needed as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment, and volunteers are needed for the park and park commission and for Shred Day.

Ms. Lynn Kennedy asked at the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting that they put a hold on prioritizing any projects so that each representative from the committee could go back to their respective groups to receive the groups ideas on prioritizing. Council Member Dockendorf stated the Village is not prioritizing any projects.

Adjournment

With no further discussions, Council Member Jamerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous; the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Nick Weedman
Vice Mayor