

**Mayoral Advisory Committee Meeting  
City of Sky Valley, Georgia  
May 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
Via Teleconference (Zoom)**

**MINUTES**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Bill Oliver, Ed Morley, Tim Darrah, Dan McAfee, Hollie Steil, City Manager Fast and City Clerk Fleming

**THOSE ABSENT:** David Spears, Will Gurley and Martin Greene

**I. Welcome**

Bill Oliver, Chairperson, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

**II. Mayor & Chair Comments**

Mayor Steil thanked all that volunteers their time. Oliver stated that he has received great feedback and feels the more participation from the citizens, the better.

**III. Approval of minutes for the 4/17 and 5/1 meetings**

McAfee made a motion to approve the April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Darrah, unanimously approved.

**IV. Harrison Merrill update**

**a. Continued conversations and potential meeting**

Oliver had stated that the conversations that he has had with Harrison Merrill have been positive. The skiing proposal will probably not happen due to different variables such as the septic and one way in and out. Merrill's core business is more of a full service, all-season property so therefore, Sky Valley would not fit that criteria. Oliver stated that he would like to have continual conversations with Merrill to discuss his potential plans for his Sky Valley property. Merrill has indicated that a meeting could still be set up for any brainstorming concerning Sky Valley.

**V. Action Items – Committee Members**

**a. Building on 246: Handicap parking & electrical clean up**

The handicap parking will be voted on during the Council meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Hunter Electric will put together an estimate for the electrical clean up. Concerns over not being totally ADA compliant were discussed. Oliver asked Hollie to talk with City Attorney Kidd, concerning the handicap parking spaces.

**b. Investigate options for better internet services – Tim Darrah has offered to head up this study**

Darrah has been in contact with a TruVista representative in Toccoa which stated they could offer up to 250 megabytes. Their headquarters can send a map showing where their lines are located. Windstream have not returned his calls and he has asked if anyone has another contact number. The map will show where both fiber and coaxial are located in Sky Valley. Discussion ensued concerning cell service, also. Darrah and Morley stated they will check on funding for rural areas.

**c. Investigate having the pond and dam repaired by Harrison Merrill**

The dam was originally put in to create a water source for the snow making machines. Research will be done to see if the pond is needed now. If the pond is dredged, then the dam will have to be repaired. The pond and dam are on Harrison Merrill's property so therefore any improvements would have to be addressed by him.

**d. Meeting with Rick Story – Director of Forward Rabun – scheduled?**

Rick Story will be joining the zoom meeting, scheduled on May 26, with the City Council.

**VI. Process for gathering substantial input from property owners for proposed committee projects**

Oliver stated that he was looking into the best way to get property owner's feedback. He feels a professional survey needs to be conducted. Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis has stated that she could help put this together. A discussion concerning how to handle the results, from a survey, between the members, both pros and cons ensued. Additional conversations, after the survey, will probably be needed for clarifications.

Oliver and Steil will meet with Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis to help define the scope of the survey. The results will be discussed with the committee for approval and or revision.

**VII. Next meeting**

June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Morley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by McAfee, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Karen Fleming, City Clerk