

**Mayoral Advisory Committee Meeting
City of Sky Valley, Georgia
April 30, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
Via TeleConference (Zoom)**

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT: Bill Oliver, Ed Morley, Dan McAfee, Martin Greene, Hollie Steil, City Manager Streetman and City Clerk Fleming

THOSE ABSENT: David Spears and Tim Darrah

1. Welcome

Bill Oliver, Chairman, welcomed all and opened the meeting.

2. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Steil stated that she was glad that Harrison could join the meeting to talk about the City's mission to develop and follow a vibrant plan for the City's future.

3. Approval of Minutes

February 18, 2021

Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dan, unanimously approved.

4. Chairman's Comments and Introduction of Harrison Merrill, Jr.

Bill shared his appreciation for all that joined. He welcomed Harrison and stated that the meeting was set up so Harrison could share his input concerning his overall development goals for Sky Valley.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5. Harrison's Discussion of Future Development Options

Harrison Merrill, Jr. did an overview of his company which consists of master plan development. They have several resorts out west, one in Georgia and one in North Carolina. He stated that what they have in mind for Sky Valley would be a master plan on a large scale, more of an experiential development. He would like to bring skiing back or some other winter demand generator, to put Sky Valley on the map again and to be used as a destination draw. Multi and single-family dwellings would also be part of the plan. Experiential development is what is needed to beef up a community and to be a four-season destination. A sewage system is needed and a feasibility study also, which he stated that

the City would be responsible for bringing the sewer system in. No plan would be executed unless their company and the City are in alignment with the plans.

Harrison went over the core areas in the valley that would be developed. He answered questions concerning other options besides skiing, that could be brought in. He was asked about the consideration of selling some of their property, which he stated they would consider selling outside of core areas, either partnering with or selling out right. Plans for the old lodge, which options are being looked at. What kind of scale for the development, which he stated 100 million, plus.

A feasibility study will be the initial first step needed.

The Mayoral Advisory Committee will discuss the plan presented and have the P&Z Committee's involvement. A recommendation will be brought before Mayor and Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Dan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Martin, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Karen Fleming, City Clerk