

Mayoral Advisory Committee Meeting
City of Sky Valley, Georgia
June 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Rescheduled, Due to Technical Difficulties)
June 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. (Original Date and Time)
Via Teleconference (Zoom)

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT: Bill Oliver, Ed Morley, David Spears, Tim Darrah, Hollie Steil and Dan McAfee

THOSE ABSENT: Will Gurley and Martin Greene

I. Welcome

Bill Oliver, Chairperson, welcomed everyone for attending.

II. Mayor & Chair Comments

Mayor Steil thanked Tim Darrah for setting up a meeting with Windstream. Bill stated that there is nothing new to report concerning Harrison Merrill. Research is being conducted on the stream/pond by City Park and thanks was given to Tony Allred for his help with this item.

III. Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2020 Meeting

David Spears made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tim Darrah, unanimously approved.

PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

IV. Building on Highway 246

City Manager Fast stated that she has not heard anything back from the electrician on the electrical issue or from City Attorney Kidd concerning the ADA designated parking spaces, which she will follow up on. Bill stated that there is a certain amount of urgency to decide on what to do with the building, as it needs to be maintained. Dan stated that the cost of repairs verses what to use the building for, needs to be considered. Bob O'Keefe, Marketing Committee Chairperson, would like to see it be used as a Visitor's Center along with having tenants. Some citizens of Sky Valley suggested having the building reconfigured so that it could accommodate a conference room/training room/court room. Bill also brought up the idea of turning it into a Community Center, which there might be some funding through the USDA, to help with that endeavor. Dan had agreed to do some conceptual drawings concerning the building, for future planning. The consensus of the committee members is having the building be used as a first-class Welcome Center along with a conference room. Confer with an architect to see how the building could be reconfigured and become ADA compliant with conceptual plans. Inspections will be done on the building along with gathering preliminary figures to present to Mayor and Council.

V. Internet Service

Bill asked Tim to give an update on this item which he stated that he now has a contact name and number for Windstream. When he met with, Bill Duff, the Windstream Rep., he was told that

they have four switches located in Sky Valley and should have 50 meg within 1,500 feet and 25 meg within 3,000 feet, of each switch. They are working on getting fiber optic to each of these switches and copper lines to the houses. A possible plan would be, to add more robust coverage to certain areas of Sky Valley. Bill Duff stated that he would go to the engineering department and come back with a plan, cost and possibly a map to show where Windstream have their lines in Sky Valley. Tim stated that he would also set up a meeting with TruVista to see what they have to offer. TruVista has already given a map showing their coverage in Sky Valley. Bill thanked Tim for his work on this item. Other alternatives were mention such as AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon. City Manager Fast stated that she would check in on these possibilities.

VI. Property Owner's Survey

Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis has completed a first draft and will be finalized next week by herself, Hollie and Bill. The committee is hoping to get this survey sent out within the next couple of weeks to receive feedback from the citizens of Sky Valley. Aggregate the results and prioritize which items will benefit the City the most. The results will be published for the community to see.

VII. Questions and Answers

None were made

The next meeting was set for July 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Fleming, City Clerk