

**Mayoral Advisory Committee Meeting
City of Sky Valley, Georgia
September 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference (Zoom)**

MINUTES

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

THOSE ABSENT: Martin Greene

1. Welcome

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

2. Mayor Comments

Hollie thanked Tim for submitting the internet coverage maps to City Hall, which they are working on getting this information compiled onto one map. She also thanked the members of this committee that had agreed to serve on the newly appointed P&Z commission.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 26, 2020

Minutes will be submitted for approval during the November 4th meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. Survey Distribution Update and Next Actions – Bill Oliver

The City has sent out the results from the survey which included graphs, summary, and what projects have been underway. Bill had asked the members to review this information so it can be discussed at the next meeting. These results will also be discussed with Mayor and Council as a tool for future endeavors.

5. Internet Updates – Tim Darrah

a. Maps of Coverage

Tim has been talking to Bill Duff, a Windstream contact, but no other proposals have been presented. TruVista has no plans to run anymore cable. Hollie mention checking on developing internet hotspots for such areas as Winding Ridge. Tony Allred went over the process, that Clayton had completed, to provide internet coverage for individuals on Main Street. This was done by the use of repeaters. Tony will be sending information for a contact person with Habersham Fiber Optic, to Tim. This might be a possibility for the areas that has no internet coverage.

City Manager Fast had suggested getting a list of names and addresses for Windstream, of the ones that are having trouble with their service. This information could be submitted to Windstream to see if service could be upgraded. Hollie stated that they could do a speed test at, speedtest.net, for data

to go by.

When the internet coverage map has been produced, citizens can come by City Hall to check on this information.

6. Building on Highway 246

a. Ed West – Lease Extension

The West lease agreement has been extended until the end of the year.

b. Electrical Clean-up – Ella

City Manager Fast stated that the clean-up has been scheduled to take place within the next couple of weeks.

c. Future Use/Modifications

Discussion on the building being used as a welcome center with a concierge service, took place. Jim Curtis, from the Marketing Committee, had stated that they still would like to see it being used as a welcome center.

Bill stated that he just received the first draft of the drawings/renderings of the building. He will send them out to the members after the meeting. This will be a visual for other thoughts and ideas to be considered.

7. New Business

No other topics were brought up.

8. Questions and Answers

Tim had asked about the renovations by TimeShares. Bruce Turner from the Special Projects Committee, stated that they, TSSV, had planned to have the laundry building painting by the end of the year along with the park area being updated.

Ed had asked City Manager Fast about the corner of Sky Valley Way and Ridgepole. He stated that some work was needed, taking out of the old fencing and replacing with something else, in that area. City Manager Fast stated that she would check to see who it belongs and whether it was on the right-of-way or not.

Tony Allred stated that he had talked to the DNR of Georgia, concerning the pond area across from the City Park, but due to COVID there is a delay on the final responses. Still waiting to see if this area will be deemed as mountain wetlands.

Bruce Turner had asked the question concerning Floridians coming up to stay, would they still need to quarantine for two weeks. Hollie had stated that yes, they do, according to the Governor's Order.

9. Setting of Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting date was set for November 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Fleming, City Clerk