



Eastwood Village Council Meeting

April 11, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:42PM by Bob Federico.

Board members in attendance were: Paul Deines, Zack Wildman, Lori Paas, Bob Federico, Pam Holbrook, Sean Corser, Ken Marks, Ken Long, Lucas Frazier, and Ralph Langdon.

Mr. Federico began the meeting by discussing the recent WHAS story on Eastwood. He described his conversation in regards to the plan of the Eastwood Cutoff Rd. Intersection and shared that there will be a requested stakeholders meeting on Thursday, April 13 and be held at division 5 on Westport Rd. Stakeholders are JCPS, Transportation cabinet, Publix, etc.

Zack Wildman asked when a final plan of the Intersection would be made available. Mr. Federico answered by saying that he is unsure as what is presented remains unofficial.

Traffic study.

Mr. Federico distributed a traffic study regarding the Eastwood Cutoff Rd. intersection.

Mr. Wildman discussed the LMPD traffic speeds, as well as the total car count.

Self-storage building on Shelbyville Rd.

The conversation began on the item of Binding elements, that the Conservation easement has been formally agreed upon. He shared that anyone who would like the binding elements (9) could request them.

Blacketer Land & Historic Home

Publix did not allow provisions for the Blacketers to turn the out lots into a small shopping center. They plan to utilize the historic home as an upscale Bed & Breakfast, with apartments surrounding the home with 2-story apartments facing Shelbyville Rd. and taller buildings as the land goes further to the North. A conversation arose surrounding Valhalla and that the developer is in communication with them, with a goal of creating a retention basin that would not only serve their development but would also provide additional relief from surrounding areas.

A conversation arose on the traffic and what the motivation would be to have this plan in place. Mr. Federico shared of a proposed plan, at one time, to build a *commercial shopping district* on Shelbyville Rd. East of the Eastwood stove company. A primary detraction for this would be a lack of sewer.



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Sherra Kapfhammer asked what the traffic impact would be on the Blacketer development. The answer was yet to be determined.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board members received Minutes from the March 2023 meeting. The report was motioned by Zack Wildman. Seconded by Lucas Frazier. It carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report was prepared by John Darling and shared by Bob Federico. Sean Corser motioned it. Seconded by Ken Long. It carried.

Incorporation Update

Mr. Federico discussed the status of incorporating, stating that we have a projected budget but need more accurate information and are waiting for the next steps in the process.

Zack Wildman discussed the status of the roof count. He said there are an estimated 27,000 residents, with 20,000 being of voting age with a total of 11.3K housing units.

A question came from the floor about how an apartment would be taxed for property taxes. Mr. Federico then discussed the process of how that would be taxed yet there remained some uncertainty.

Bob then discussed the necessity for traffic safety as well as policing in the city of Eastwood. He then turned to the potential of adding a systems development fee for the city of Eastwood, to that there was no conclusion. The conversation turned to creating a 2040 budget as it pertains to the currently planned developments.

A concern was voiced by Kacey Frazier about the statement heard in our city that, "we live in an urban area" but that we should be cautious of getting caught in a similar trap of making decisions for Eastwood primarily based on money.

Mr. Wildman then responded by saying that we must stay true to our core values, one of which being the Fork, to which Mr. Federico added that the EVC has been consistent in our stance to add development responsibly.

Kacey Frazier then shared the importance of having an attorney as a city in representing the city.



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A conversation arose about the importance of a written set of core values and a mission statement. A statement was said, "I would like to be a part of a city that has a value statement."

Mr. Federico concluded this conversation by saying that as a city, we would have a greater impact in selected smart developments that take into account traffic, environmental, and safety impacts, and would have sign-off authority.

Farmer's Market

Sean Corser shared an update on the Sponsorship document that has been sent to many potential sponsors and reported that he has received commitments from almost 5 sponsors.

Mr. Federico then asked if an added sponsorship page on the website could be possible. The answer is yes, there is a possibility for that.

Chairman Federico then turned to Committee Reports:

Land Development

1614 Johnson Rd. Planning and Design meeting will be held on May 11, 2023. The Echo Trl. development 103 and is completely in the DRO will be held on April 20, 2023.

Lucas began sharing that a traffic study shows an estimated increase by 500% in traffic on Echo Trail. He then shared about a watershed plan that would be far more expansive than the Floyds Fork DRO. Work is beginning with city council member and others. The importance is vast in that Floyds Fork is the second largest waterway in Louisville next to the Ohio river.

Adam Kirk cannot be the traffic engineer of the traffic study on 1614 because there is a conflict of interest. Referring to the traffic study that mentioned Johnson Rd. would turn into a dead-end road north of Shelbyville road. With these issues the need for conducting it's own traffic study will be pursued. Lucas then addressed a need for the EVC to have a drone for aerial footage for before, during, and after footage of developments.

Communications

Lori began her time by asking who a resident would need to reach out to if they have a traffic concern. The answer was that he should reach out to Keith Bullock. If it is in regards to the intersection, Councilman Kramer or Scott Harrington.



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A question was asked about why Adam Kirk is unable to provide the traffic study for Johnson Rd. The answer was that there was a conflict of interest, but that he would be able to do a more comprehensive study for the greater Eastwood Area. Lucas discussed that a different engineering firm would be a better solution for a city-wide traffic study.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Zack Wildman asked the question about the possibility of adding a Zoom feature to allow additional residents to participate.

A response was given from a guest about the possibility to utilize his expertise to livestream the meetings.

A question was asked about the distribution of minutes and why that is not posted online.

The answer was that any individual can request the minutes. Through this there arose a need for a process for distribution and communicating the work of the EVC through an email blast.

A comment came from the floor about what developments are going on and how to be informed. Stating that distributing the minutes would not be as helpful but that a summary of work and where we're going would be very helpful.

Pam Holbrook shared her desire to share the information about meetings through the post office bulletin board. The decision was to try and get the ball rolling on communicating the work of the EVC through as many channels as possible.

Evan Kolb shared that a summary on the website and openly distributed would be a great benefit.

Discussion returned to recording meetings for clearer recall of what was and wasn't being said.

Kacey Frazier shared concern of opening our meetings or allowing for Zoom participation and the legal ramifications of potentially slanderous comments or the like.



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A motion to adjourn came from Pam Holbrook, seconded by Sean Corser. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting notes submitted by Sean Corser, secretary, Eastwood Village Council.