

**SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 11th, 2014**

The Special and Contact Committee met Monday, August 11th, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre. In attendance were Special and Contact Committee Members, Ms. Winnie Walker, Mr. Rob Maurer, Chair Mr. Dan Lanzer and Alternate, Committee Member Mr. John Zucal.

Guests were Mayor David Johnson, Law Director Marvin Fete, President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Council Clerk Patti McKay, Service Director James Zucal, Safety Director Greg Popham, Councilperson Sandy Cox, Councilperson Cheryl Ramos, Councilperson Darrinn Lautenschleger and, Nathan Cozart (WTUZ) and City Residents, Mark Cox and Ethan Zucal. Attorney Greg Miller, Bob Martinelli from REM Construction, and Creston (Chip) Stephan from W. E. Quicksall and Associates, Inc.

Chairperson Mr. Lanzer called the Special & Contact Committee Meeting to order August 11th, 2014 at 7:00 PM. in Council Chambers with two items to discuss:

The First Item:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND ENACT THE CURRENT
REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.**

The Committee did receive a copy of the sample ordinance from the Walter Drane Company.
The Committee recommended by a motion made by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Maurer to have
The Law Director draw up the legislation and
Have it put on the agenda for the August 25th, 2014 Council Meeting.
The Committee voted 3-0 to have the First Reading for this
Ordinance on August 25th, 2014.

The Second Item: Proposed Ordinance 16- 2014.

A lengthy discussion was held

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA,
OHIO FOR MAINTAINING THE NP2R TRAIL.**

The maintenance agreement for the NP2R Trail

After a lengthy discussion the Committee recommended:

Have the Law Director clean the legislation up

(Change the wording and replace Proposed Ordinance 16-2014 with Proposed Resolution 27-2014

3rd line down on the Resolution 27-2014 should read:

Whereas, the City of New Philadelphia whole heartily supports the NP2R Trail project in the near future maintenance will be in cooperation with a 501c3 group.

Section 2 on the Resolution 27-2014 should also read:

The City of New Philadelphia whole heartily supports the NP2R Trail project in the near future maintenance will be in cooperation with a 501c3 group.

Have the Special and Contact Committee schedule another meeting for August 25th, 2014.

(Time and details of the meeting to be announced.)

Comment from the Law Director:

What we are doing in order to get the grant is trying to pass a resolution in hopes of the trail happening.

Chairperson Lanzer reported:

This is all for the grant application process. This is the first step.

The 501c3 has not been officially formed, yet.

This is more in line when we actually get the money raised.

“The trail can’t happen until that happens any way.”
They have talked to several groups for 501c3 sponsorships.
Since the Trail is City owned it was determined it would have to be leased from the City.
The land belongs to the City the Trail Application will be with the City.
Other people have agreed to take this on without any formal contract.
We felt it was necessary to have that language for the application.
We want to make sure we do it right so we are not rejected in the grant process.

Comment from Councilperson Ramos:

“Yes, we are in support of the project but leave maintenance out of it.
The 501c3 the nonprofit isn’t set up yet the connections to it are not set up my thoughts are looking at grant funding to say we support the project in favor of it. Leave out maintenance agreement. The nonprofit is going to take care of the maintenance why would we have to have an agreement with the City.”

Comment from Council person Zucal:

Mr. Zucal wanted to make sure, as a member of Council, that we don’t make a snap judgment and end up having an issue where it is a potential risk.
He felt 501c3 should be in place to show how you are getting the match funding
You have to show there is commitment for what you call the sustainable factor
If it’s NP2R what happens to the dollars they put into it. I’m not sure we have that in place yet.
The maintenance agreement does not commit you to actually spend money.

The name:

We can call it anything we want once you put it in legislation form.
The name NP2R Trail actually came from the County Commissioners Master Plan Inventory List.

Chip from Quicksall who informed the Committee:

The Maintenance agreement is basically for the grant application.
They want to have reasonable assurance that it is going to be properly maintained. And there is an interest by the general public to have the trail.
It is very competitive to receive a grant, so we want to do everything right so our grant application will be selected.

Comment from the Mayor:

“We are in favor of the project but will not enter into any agreement until there is a lease agreement.”

CONCLUSION

CHAIRPERSON LANZER ANNOUNCED:

The proposed resolution will be given to Council and the Committee using appropriate language and making necessary changes as requested along with the scheduled meeting notice (August 25th, 2014) for the Committee to review before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Lanzer, Committee Chairperson
Special and Contact Committee