

CITY OF BURTON
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2007, 5:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Chairperson Danny Wells called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wells and Major.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Conley.

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Strasser, Deputy Planning Official, C. Abbey, DPW Director,
G. Kray, Deputy DPW Director and M. Snow Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Genesee County Home Dollar Allocations**
- 2. Sidewalk Ordinance**

GENESEE COUNTY HOME DOLLAR ALLOCATIONS

PRESENTATION:

Sam Arabbo, on behalf of Burton Estates and Kings Lane Apartments asked for resolution support for an application submitted to the County for home funds. He said Kings Ln. is under renovation and the sewer system is being replaced throughout the building, which created a deficit. He was rewarded a partial grant in 2006 through the County for such issues and requested Council's support in asking for the remainder of money for completion of the project. Mr. Arabbo explained these funds are through a non-profit organization, which also helps people purchase homes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, verified she would be addressing the Sidewalk Ordinance. She supported Mr. Arabbo's request, appreciated improvements to Kings Ln. and referred to Sect. 8.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Discussion ensued regarding Flint NIP, screening homebuyers before approval and monitoring buyers for 10-20 years. Mr. Arabbo said more homes would significantly generate more taxes.

Mr. Major inquired of the homes features and Mr. Arabbo responded all would be stickbuilt with similar features.

Mr. Abbey stated the City does not handle home dollars and this procedure would create a market for homebuyers and generate home sales.

Attorney Austin verified how many resolutions would be needed by the County and said if it is imperative to be addressed promptly, it could be considered at the next Council meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Major moved and Wells seconded the following motion:

1. The Legislative Committee recommends the available home dollars as allocated by the County to the Burton City Council for the Kings Lane and Burton Estates projects.
- Motion carried 2-0.

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Strasser said the Sidewalk Ordinance is working very well. He proposed adding an addition to the Site Plan Review inclusive that items such as carports, pavilions, sheds, enclosed building used for cold storage, gazebos and structures over a certain size would not be subject to Administrative Site Plan Review or Site Plan Review, and at that time requiring sidewalks. He mentioned Mr. Wingblad is looking at grants and opportunities for monies to come into the City to have sidewalks built.

Mr. Wells said he wants flexibility and a timeframe for putting in sidewalks on existing buildings.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, agrees with having a walkable community. She referred to Act 51 requiring 1% of dollars allocated yearly to be spent on sidewalks, areas with and without walks mentioned grant opportunities. She feels students are safer walking to school on sidewalks.

Jerry Grantner, 1409 Clairwood, the Planning Board Chairman said the Ordinance originated through the Zoning Board. He agreed with the proposal and said the Ordinance compliments the City. He is opposed of a timeframe but strives for a walkable community. He feels the Zoning Board's existence includes dealing with exceptions regarding sidewalks.

Steve Welch, 5272 White Pines, the Zoning Board Chairman agrees the Ordinance is working well and suggested if anything, make additions not changes.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Attorney Austin said the proposal is ideal and if desired, the Council could "tweak" the ordinance. He advised that the Zoning Board does not make the law regarding each case.

Mr. Wells suggested Mr. Strasser submit his proposal on paper to Mr. Austin for future discussion amongst the Council members.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Major moved and Wells seconded the following motion:

1. The Legislative Committee recommends to accept Mr. Strasser's recommendations and bring to City Council once developed by the DPW and the City Attorney.
- Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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