

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA
December 14th, 2015
5:00 p.m.**

- I. Agenda Changes

- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. November 9th 2015

- III. Tri-Rivers Youth Sports Association

- IV. Property at 13th Street & Main Street

- V. General Information
 - 1. Chickens
 - 2. Tennis Courts

- VI. Town Council Agenda

- VII. Next Meeting: January 11th, 2016

- VIII. Adjournment

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
December 14th, 2015**

Mr. Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present included Mr. Lawson, Chairman and Paul Kelley.

Also present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; Wayne Healy and Bub Shreaves; Town Council Members; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk and Tim Sawyer, Building Inspector.

I Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

November 9th 2015

Wayne Healy made a motion to adopt the minutes of November 9th 2015, seconded by Bub Shreaves. Upon a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

III. Tri-Rivers Youth Sports Association

Molly Seeterling, advised that she is a new board member on the Tri-River Youth Sports Association and only been on the board for about 1 year, there are currently only 3 board members. We have asked for volunteers, but there has been no response. The New Kent president has offered for West Point to run their program through New Kent, it would assist with the Insurance, Charter, Scheduling and Uniforms. The coaching and staffing would be provided by West Point members.

Mr. Hudson asked how many children signed up for the youth program.

Molly Seeterling advised that last year there was 126 children. The Association wanted to obtain input from the Town before they started advertising a program for this year. As part of the New Kent program, New Kent would schedule some games on the West Point fields for two of the New Kent teams.

Mr. Lawson advised that volunteers get burned out fast and there is a turn over every 5 years of board members and volunteers. Mr. Lawson asked if there will be a concession stand.

Molly Seeterling advised that they have not asked for someone to volunteer as Concession Manager. We are still in the review stages of the program.

Mr. Edwards advised that New Kent would need to schedule use of the fields through the Athletic Director at the schools. Mr. Edwards also stated that his recommendation to

Town Council is to try this for one year so that West Point can have some kind of program for the Children.

The consensus of Town Council members present is for the Tri-River Youth Sports Association to move forward with a program with assistance from New Kent.

Mr. Lawson advised that in the past there has been no records management and suggested that the current board members write down everything so that when they leave it would be easier to hand over the program to new members.

IV. Property at 13th Street & Main Street

Mr. Edwards advised that Mr. Hopkins Guy is ready to move forward with acquisition of property between 13th Street and 14th Street. In order to pull the properties together Mr. Guy will need Town Council to vacate one North/South alley and sell the lot the town owns on 13th Street. The process will be for Planning Commission to review the application to vacate the alley, the entire process would take 60 to 90 days and Town Council would be able to conduct a public hearing to vacate the alley and sale of the property on 13th Street at the same time.

Mr. Kelley asked why it will take so long to process the application.

Mr. Edwards advised that it would require advertisement for a public hearing by Planning Commission and Town Council.

The consensus of Town Council members present is for the Town Manager to submit an application to vacate one North / South alley. Once we receive an application from Planning Commission, it will come back to Town Council to move forward with a public hearing.

V. General information

1. Chickens

Mr. Edwards advised that in regard to the complaint of the offensive odor of the chickens, the Chief of police had talked with the owner and has advised that there is not violation of the Town Ordinance.

Mr. Edwards also stated that in the meantime the Town has received an email complaint regarding chickens on 6th Street, at the intersection of ODI Street and Thompson Avenue regarding illegal chicken mills in Town. The Chief of Police has reviewed the complaints and has advised that there is no violation of the Town Ordinance, all property owners have a limited number of chickens and they are contained.

2. Tennis Courts

Mr. Edwards advised that the renovations to the Tennis Courts are complete and town residents are using the courts.

VI. Town Council Agenda

There are not items for the Town Council agenda.

VII. Next Meeting Date: January 11th 2016.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Jack Lawson
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk