

Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

Minutes from April 24, 2017

Attending: Natalie Wolf, chair, Ray Warren & Elida Kamine, committee members, Mayor Tom Muething, Ed Hattenbach, Michael Maltinsky, Sandy Kaltman, Kathie Kraemer, Melech Mann, Monica Lira, Cynthia Barr, Peg Conway, Village Manager Scot Lahrmer

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 and minutes from April 4th were accepted.

A Resolution Committing Amberley Village to Non-Discrimination and Recognizing the Benefits to Diversity was presented and changes to wording was discussed. A final draft (attached) was presented for a vote on bringing to full council on May 8th. Ray Warren moved and Elida Kamine seconded presenting the Resolution (with changes discussed) to council. Motion passed unanimously.

Next, residents Melech Mann and Michael Maltinsky brought forth the issue of lack of recreational amenities within walking distance of residents living in the western portion of Amberley. Michael Maltinsky, an architect with vast experience designing buildings and recreational spaces, presented a slide show of imagined possibilities called "Amberley Park West." He highlighted the benefits of a new park to the nearby neighborhoods, businesses, and village gateway. He argued that the existing parks (French Park and Village Hall) were not accessible from western Amberley, they are outdated, the western gateway is unattractive and uninviting, there are lots of families with children who live in that quadrant, particularly, Orthodox families who cannot drive on Saturday. Additionally, many businesses prefer to have access to functional space for their employees to get exercise.

Mayor Muething asked whether the Jewish Foundation would be interested in being a partner to this kind of endeavor.

Scot Lahrmer emphasized that he would not advise doing anything at this time because we should not jeopardize any attempts to market the property currently owned by the Port Authority.

In general, however, council members and other residents attending agreed that this is a needed amenity that should be pursued when the timing is right but we should not limit the discussions to a single location because there are numerous possibilities.

The meeting was adjourned.