

Council heard a report from Darlene Colaso, ACM/HRA which was followed by a presentation from Jodi Vanderwiel, Architect for Moody – Nolan and Jim McKnight, Landscape Architect, for Mcknight and Associates on the subject of the draft Site Plan for the Oberlin Underground Railroad Center (URC). The presentation was followed by Q & A discussion which centered on;

- The possibility of using local materials to help build the project (e.g., the outdoor cedar posts being a local hardwood).
- Natural day light use in the restroom areas.
- Building insulation.
- Cost comparison of 100% permeable pavement vs. partial permeable pavement in the parking area.
- Explanation of the rain chain detail used to guide the water from the roof to the ground.
- Use of gutters along the edge of the complex.
- Ability to use the parking area as a drop off location for future bus transportation (e.g., LCT).
- Overview of the lights being used for the project.
- Impacts of Mixed Use Material (mixed surfaces and under bedding) on Buildings and Grounds staff.
- Future discussion with Planning Commission on how project can fit into a broader planning district and on the possibility of future expansion of the project site.
- Impacts on after dusk lighting on neighboring properties.
- Possibility of placing a solar array on the roof of the building.
- Clarification on use of the pervious pavement vs. conventional pavement.
- Recant of presentation at the National League of Cities Conference in Boston, on the use of Storm Water Utilities fund to help cover the costs of installing permeable surfaces on the Gasholder project and throughout the City.

Following the presentation Colaso introduced the members of the Underground Railroad Implementation Team who were in attendance. In closing, Colaso noted that the URC project was truly the efforts of the Oberlin Community coming together through the community engagement process over decades to really hone in on what it is that they thought were the vital elements that should be included in this project. She felt the team did an excellent job of capturing all of the essentials necessary for communicating the African American story and she felt confident that there would be new and more exciting elements added to this project as they went forward. Comments were met with supportive applause.

A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

- (d) Hear a presentation regarding the 2013 Ohio Police and Fire Games that will be held in Oberlin, June 9-14.

Council heard a report from Police Lieutenant Kevin Scalli and Craig Camp of the Elyria Fire Department on the above stated subject.

Camp remarked that on June 9-14th, the Oberlin Police Department would be the host agency for the 2013 Ohio Police and Fire Games. This would mark the 36th consecutive year that the Olympic style event will be held in Ohio. The purpose of these Games is to support the physical and mental fitness of Ohio's active and retired first responder community by offering a variety of events in which these participants can compete in an environment of good sport and camaraderie. Proceeds generated from this week's long event are channeled to several charities including, St. Judes, the Ronald McDonald House, and the host Coordinator's (Lt. Scalli) selected charity of choice. The games are open to all first responders including national and international competitors. He thanked Barb Bickel and Heather Fraley with the Lorain County Visitors Bureau for their assistance in helping to organize this event.

Scalli remarked that although he competes in the Ohio Police and Fire Games, his main purpose was to get attention to Oberlin and the surrounding area, which hadn't exactly thrived in the past few years. The event averages about 800 to 1,000 competitors, plus their families: he saw the games as a way to show all of the benefits that Lorain County had to offer. The event will be headquartered in Oberlin, having various venues throughout Lorain County that will last for one week, bringing in a great deal of traffic and recognition to the City of Oberlin. It was noted that a t-shirt had been created for the games which would also display the City logo, further promoting the City of Oberlin.

Soucy sought clarification in how women and spouses of first responders might compete. Scalli remarked that women could compete in all events. In addition, a triathlon would be opened to the public.

President Rimbart thanked the speakers for coming out and noted Council's appreciation for the lieutenants willingness to bring this type of event to the community.

(e) Motion approving Community Organization Funding

Council heard a report from members of the Community Funding Subcommittee: the members included Sal Talarico, Bryan Burgess, and Scott Broadwell.

Burgess remarked that the subcommittee's goal was to reduce the overall funding which came in around 4% less than last year's already reduced budget. The subcommittee held the position that funding levels should be maintained for organizations who offer social services that people feel are critical to life in Oberlin, such as Oberlin Community Services, Neighborhood Alliance (Oberlin Senior Center), and Oberlin Weekday Meals. The subcommittee agreed that given today's economic climate, funding for these social service programs were necessary to address the needs of the community.

Broadwell explained how difficult it was to make a decision on who would and wouldn't be funded. He noted that funds had been budgeted in the amount of \$125,000 and while efforts were made to stay under budget, the subcommittee still managed to go over by \$560.

Burgess added that in Zion CDC's funding application, a large portion of their funding goes towards their home maintenance program. The subcommittee would like to recommend that Council consider funding Zion's request through the Sustainable Reserve Fund, with the money going towards qualifying energy efficiency projects. The recommendation would be to reduce the amount of funding through the Community Fund but to make up for the difference by awarding funds through the Sustainable Reserve Fund. Broadwell interjected that "Zion" had requested \$15,000: the subcommittee has approved \$10,000 with a recommendation that additional funds in the amount of \$5,000 to \$10,000 be provided from the Sustainable Reserve Fund, for the purposes previously outlined. Talarico remarked that funding was awarded to each group based on the tier structure approved by Council through resolution in 2007.

Rimbart raised concerns that Zion's energy efficiency goals were beginning to overlap with that of POWER, a preexisting community organization, specializing in energy efficiency. He further expressed his preference not to fund programs that duplicate services already being offered elsewhere in the City. Norenberg stated that a meeting had been scheduled with the director of Zion CDC to address those concerns, and a report would be forthcoming.

Rimbart asked which communities provided financial support to Oberlin Community Services? Talarico remarked that the communities would be Oberlin and New Russia Township. Rimbart said that he would be interested in knowing why Oberlin Community Services was currently servicing a larger area than what was being funded by the organizations. Talarico remarked that he would get an answer from Linda Arbogast, Executive Director of Oberlin Community Services.

Baumann remarked that further evaluation of the driveway would suggest that in order to put culverts under the driveway, where it is located, requires a massive amount of culverts wider than the driveway, which would not work as a stand - alone option to resolve the issue. The City Engineer is also exploring alternative options including expansion of the retention basin.

Mucciolo said the primary concern seems to be the entry way of the development. He asked if any of the options being explored would at least address this issue before the spring rains. Baumann remarked that he was unable to answer that question at this time: he felt that there was still quite a bit of preliminary work that needed to be done.

Burgess remarked that when they left this topic a couple months ago, it was Council's understanding that staff was going to immediately make an application to ODOT, so that staff could start the process of putting that tile under the field access to the south of Reserve. Burgess sought for clarification on whether or not inserting the extra wide culverts would work to at least alleviate the situation if not resolve it completely. Baumann remarked that it was staffs goal to ensure that they construct improvements in the most efficacious way, which is why they were looking at redirecting some of the flow across the road and relocating the driveway apron further to the South. Burgess asked if this alternative solution could be done in one application? Baumann remarked that he didn't know the answer to that question. Burgess questioned why this project had taken so long to get started? Baumann remarked that when the City Engineer discussed this several months ago, they didn't have the surveying work needed to get this project done. At that time Roberts' was presenting this solution as one of the options being considered.

Broadwell sought clarification on why the option of redirecting the water across the street had been delayed. Baumann remarked that they were still in the process of evaluating the capacity of the 12-inch line on the other side of the street to make sure it could withstand the added pressure.

Rimbert asked what their relationship with the land owner to the south was like? Baumann remarked that they hadn't made contact with the family at this time.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

(A). RESOLUTION No. R13-02 CMS: A Resolution Amending Resolution R11-09 and Adopting the 2013 City of Oberlin Climate Action Plan Update. (2nd)(E)

The Clerk read by number and title only.

Motion to approve the ordinance on second reading was moved by Mucciolo, seconded by Soucy.

Norenberg recapped the discussion from the previous meeting.

Foregoing discussion Soucy moved to suspend the three readings and to pass the ordinance on second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Meadows.

Mucciolo asked for a reconsideration of the motion so that it could be passed on emergency. Clerk Anderson noted that at the previous meeting there was an issue with the emergency language since it hadn't been included in the resolution. Anderson further noted that the emergency language could however be found on page 7 of the minutes, previously approved by Council. Soucy noted that she would like to proceed with the motion she put forth.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes
(2nd, Suspension of Rules and Final Reading)

0 Nays

Motion Carried

A point of order was raised by Mucciolo to the question of whether or not the adopted motion would prohibit him from elevating the ordinance to an emergency. The question was turned over to the Michelle Nedwick, the Acting Law Director. Nedwick offered concurrence.

Motion to elevate the ordinance to emergency so that it can be quickly adopted by the City was moved by Mucciolo, seconded by Peterson.

Roll Call: 2 Ayes 5 Nays Motion Failed
(Emergency) (Mucciolo, Peterson) (Meadows, Soucy, Broadwell, Rimbart, Burgess)

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried
(2nd, Final)

4. NEW BUSINESS:

(A). ORDINANCE No. 13-08 AC CMS: An Ordinance Accepting the Bid of ECO Tree Services, LLC., of Amherst, Ohio, for Forestry Services for the City of Oberlin, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. (1st)(E)

Meadows moved to have the ordinance read by number, title and substantive portions only, seconded by Soucy.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

The Clerk read as directed.

Motion to approve the ordinance on first reading was moved by Burgess, seconded by Meadows.

Norenberg provided background remarks. He noted that this was a housekeeping issue familiar to most members of Council, which occurred on an annual basis.

A motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings and to elevate Ordinance No. 13-08 to an emergency for the reasons stated in Section 3 was moved by Mucciolo and seconded by Broadwell.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried
(1st, Suspension of Rules/ Emergency)

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried
(1st, Final)

Dupee thanked Council for passing the ordinance and further noted that both bidders complied with EEO Policy.

(B). ORDINANCE No. 13-09 AC CMS: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Utility Truck Equipment Company of Circleville, Ohio, Through the State Office of Procurement Services for the Purchase of a 37' Aerial Lift Truck for Oberlin Municipal Light and Power System. (1st)

Meadows moved to have the ordinance read by number, title and substantive portions only, seconded by Broadwell.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

The Clerk read as directed.

Motion to approve the ordinance on first reading was moved by Broadwell, seconded by Meadows.

Norenberg introduced the ordinance and deferred the discussion over to Steve Dupee, OMLPS Director.

Dupee provided a brief overview of the proposed request. Dupee stated that if approved by Council, the new truck would replace a 1999 aerial lift truck with a 35' boom height, which will be loaned to the Parks and Cemetery Division for tree maintenance and other operational requirements. In the past, a 1987 Holan 40' aerial lift truck was loaned to Parks and Cemetery that will be sold as surplus, with proceeds returning to the OMLPS Capital Reserve Fund. It was noted that the purchase price for the truck is \$108,745 and they are purchasing it through the State Office of Procurement. Dupee further noted that Terry Evans, Electric Distribution Superintendent, was also available to answer any questions.

Meadows confirmed the purchase numbers with the presenter and asked if the difference between the cost of the truck and the final purchase price was due to the addition of customized equipment? Dupee concurred.

Soucy asked how the 37' truck compared to the height of the aerial truck being used at this time. Dupee remarked that the truck that the Utility used today is 35' tall, which means they are getting an extra two feet in height. Soucy asked what the anticipated lifespan of the proposed aerial truck would be? Dupee remarked that the department's general practice it is to hold on to trucks for at least 10 years. Burgess asked if the truck were purchased in two pieces? Dupee concurred with Burgess that the truck was purchased in two pieces: first they would purchase a standard body which would then be sent off to be custom fitted. Burgess asked when staff could expect to receive the truck? Evans remarked that the new truck would arrive in months.

Meadows asked if it were possible to recover some of the cost for the new truck by selling older one? Dupee remarked that they were proposing to loan the truck to the Buildings and Grounds Department, who were currently using a 1987 Holan. However, those discussions continued to evolve which could lead to the selling of the 99' aerial truck, which was in high demand. Rimbert asked what the market value was for the 99' aerial truck. Evans remarked that the unconfirmed sale value of the smaller truck would be \$40,000.

A motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings and to elevate Ordinance No. 13-09 in order to purchase an aerial lift truck so that it can be delivered in a timely fashion was moved by Soucy, seconded by Mucciolo.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried
(1st, Suspension of Rules/ Emergency)

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried
(1st, Final)

(C). ORDINANCE No. 13-10 AC CMS: An Ordinance Accepting the Bid of Eclipse Company, LLC., of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, for the South Professor Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project and Declaring an Emergency. (1st)(E)

Meadows moved to have the ordinance read by number, title and substantive portions only, seconded by Broadwell.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

The Clerk read as directed.

Motion to approve the ordinance on first reading was moved by Meadows, seconded by Soucy.

Norenberg stated that this was a continuation of a project that was underway on Professor and Morgan Streets. He remarked that a detailed written report was provided to Council prior to the meeting; Public Works Director Jeff Baumann was available to answer questions as well.

Soucy asked if this company had been used before? Baumann remarked that they had worked with this company before, and felt that they were developing a good working relationship. Soucy asked Baumann how he felt about the practice of offering incentives to companies who finished the project on time or ahead of schedule? Baumann remarked that it made sense to offer an incentive were it is warranted, but he didn't sense that there was a need to offer that type of incentive for this company, especially since they were proposing that Council authorize the contract tonight. The real time in question is getting this project done before they award the paving contract in July.

Norenberg noted that the two projects where the City did provide an incentive program were tied to the school year starting and they were both in areas that were adjacent to Prospect School or the College.

A motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings and to elevate Ordinance No. 13-10 for reasons stated in Section 3 was moved by Mucciolo, seconded by Broadwell.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried
(1st, Suspension of Rules/ Emergency)

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried
(1st, Final)

(D). ORDINANCE No. 13-11 AC CMS: An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract with Quality Control Inspections, Inc. (QCI) of Bedford, Ohio, to Provide for Additional Professional Construction Inspection Services for the South Professor Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project Phase II in the City of Oberlin and Declaring an Emergency. (1st)(E)

Burgess moved to have the ordinance read by number, title and substantive portions only, seconded by Meadows.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

The Clerk read as directed.

Motion to approve the ordinance on first reading was moved by Broadwell, seconded by Peterson.

City Manager Norenberg remarked that this was a contract amendment for the project that was just approved by the preceding ordinance. He remarked that this was a fairly routine matter that was familiar to Council.

Meadows asked if QCI was on the job site everyday when the contractors were at work? Baumann concurred. Bauman further noted that there was a procedure in place to make sure that the contractor coordinates their schedule with the QCI inspector.

Rimbert asked who the City's main contact was for QCI? Baumann remarked that QCI reported to City Engineer Randall Roberts.

A motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings and to elevate Ordinance No. 13-11 for reasons stated in Section 4 was moved by Broadwell, seconded by Mucciolo.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried
(1st, Suspension of Rules/ Emergency)

Roll Call: 7 Ayes
(1st, Final)

0 Nays

Motion Carried

5. OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

None

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

- (A). Referrals
- (B). Advocacy
- (C). Correspondence
- (D). Reports

Mucciolo

- Noted that he received correspondence from students concerned with the recent incidents of hate speech and related items on campus. He understood that the Oberlin Police Department had been working in various capacities with Oberlin College's Campus and Security which he would like to hear more about as it continued to develop. Norenberg remarked that to the extent that he is able to provide updates he would.

Soucy

- Recognized Judge Januzzi's efforts in putting together a very comprehensive annual report for the Courts.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

8. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Noted upcoming presentation for the 2012 Budget Update
- Noted that he would have a budget amendment on the agenda for the next weekend.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Being that there was no further business to come before Council at this time the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

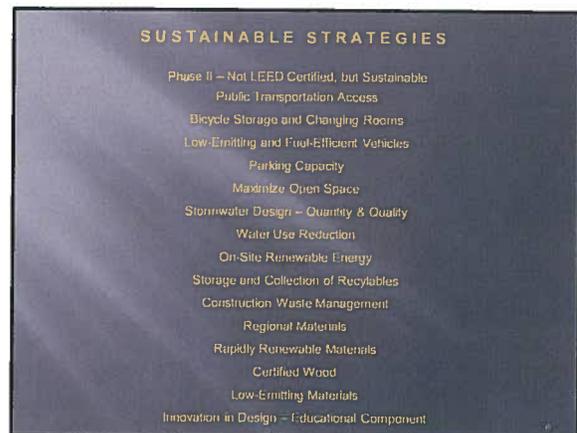
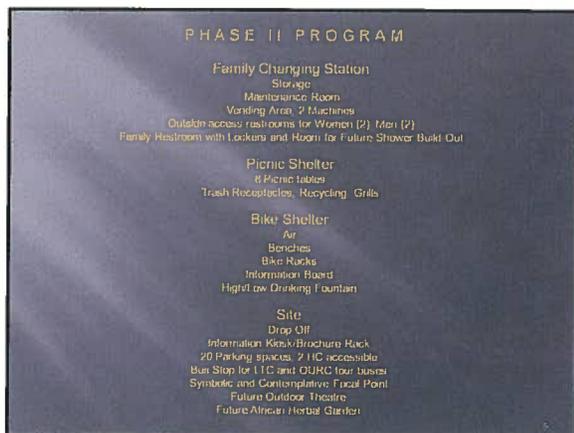
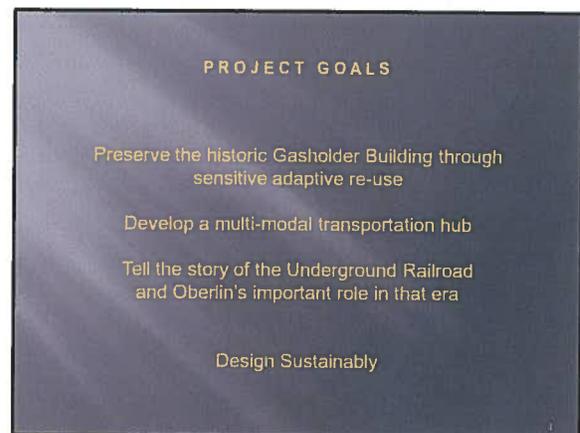
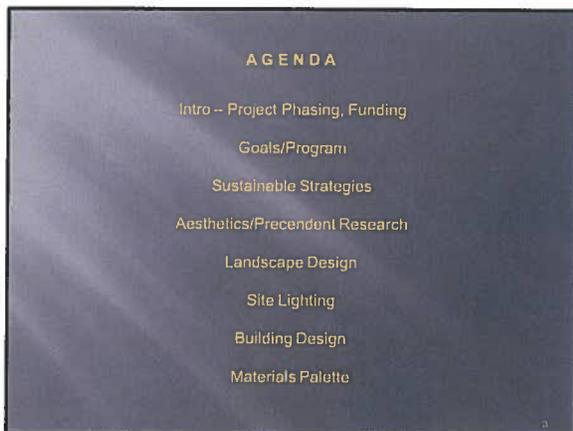
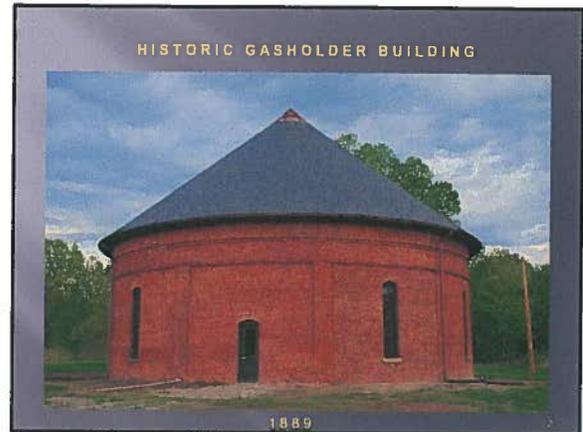
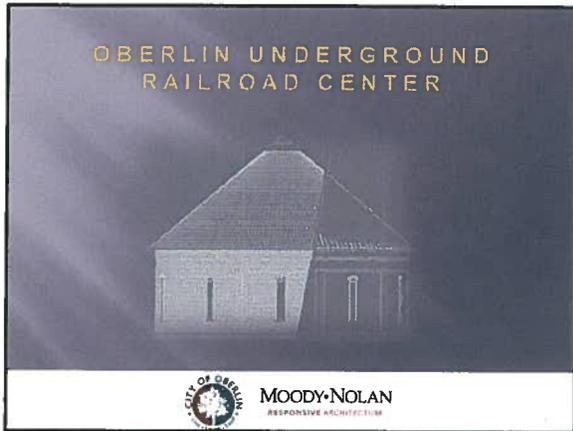
Attest:

BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RONNIE J. RIMBERT
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: 03/18/2013

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AESTHETICS

- Rustic
- Industrial
- 19c. Urban
- Indigenous
- Brick and/or Timber
- Build from the 1800's Era
- "Gasholder is Bride", Don't Compete

GASHOLDER - DEPOT



19c. Urban
Indigenous

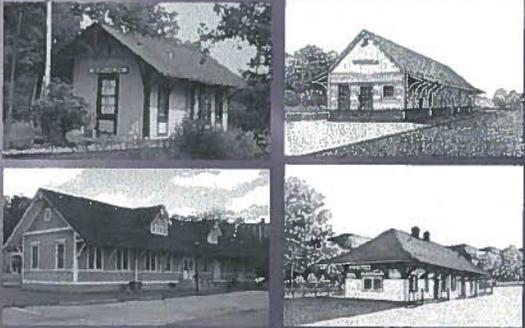
Brick and/or Timber

Industrial-Era Architecture
(mills, agricultural or industrial complexes, railroad related structures, schools, churches)

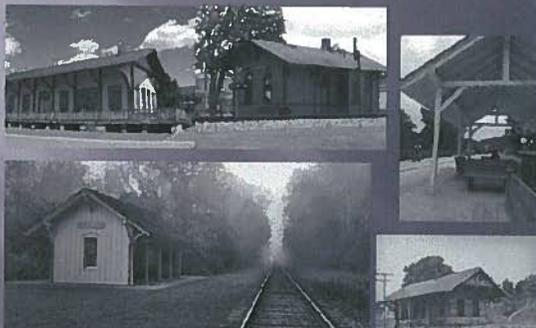
Creating a Building Typology

Close Proximity of the Two Historic Structures
(Gasholder in use 1889-1893, Depot in use 1866-1949)

DEPOT PRECEDENTS



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BUILDING PLACEMENT



Google Earth

SITE TERRAIN



Looking West Looking South

