

RESOLUTION NO. 06 - 08

By: Robyn Jones

A Resolution supporting the efforts of the Woodland Meadows Group and requesting a formal feasibility study report.

WHEREAS, at a joint meeting of the Bexley City School District Board of Education and Bexley City Council on April 10, 2008, this Council received a presentation from Paul Kolada, with Priority Designs, and remarks from residents of the City of Bexley and the City of Columbus who (i) recognize the unique opportunity to create a multi-jurisdictional community project concerning fifty-three acres of land that lays nearly adjacent to the City of Bexley, (ii) understand the need for use as a recreational, educational and social uses as well as perhaps home to certain municipal and school services, (iii) contemplate a combination of multiple public and private financing, and (iv) request further substantive research concerning the feasibility of such a project; and

WHEREAS, this Council hereby supports the efforts of a community group named the "Woodland Meadows Group" to explore the public acquisition of up to fifty-three acres currently known as Woodland Meadows;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Bexley hereby supports the efforts of the Woodland Meadows Group and encourages this group to gather additional information including the following:

- (a) Available public and/or private financing for this project;
- (b) Evaluation of the liens and legal foreclosure proceedings concerning the land known as Woodland Meadows;
- (c) Market value and acquisition cost of the land known as Woodland Meadows;
- (d) The extent to which the police forces of the City of Columbus and the City of Bexley can and will provide services;
- (e) Evaluation of existing environmental studies and other environmental factors that would affect ownership;
- (f) Input and partnership interest from leaders of the City of Columbus, Columbus Board of Education, Columbus neighborhood associations, County of Franklin, Bexley City School District Board of Education and other public and private institutions;
- (g) Available needs assessment and usage feasibility on this site from interested future partners and cost of implementing each use;

Section 2. This Council encourages the Woodland Meadow Group to make every effort to report its findings to a joint meeting of the Bexley City Council and Bexley City School District Board of Education prior to any Sheriff's sale, and in any event, within approximately 120 days of passage of this Resolution. This Council further encourages that participation in the Woodland Meadow Group be inclusive of every potential partner, or their designee, that has an interest in maintaining the green space of Woodland Meadows, and other residents and professionals necessary to prepare a quality report.

Passed: April 14, 2008

Matthew J. Lampke
Matthew J. Lampke, President of Council

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of Council

Approved: April 14, 2008

John M. Brennan
John M. Brennan, Mayor

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