Meeting minutes of Planning Commission

September 26, 2019

Chair Wenger called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. . Members Brendan Deyo and Obed Pellegrino were present. Mayor Ruspi was present and swore in new member Brian Kline. Members Shannon Allcock and Tim Shortley were absent. One resident was present and guest Khalid Afzal was present. Secretary Charlene Dillingham was present.

The minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting on June 20, 2019, were approved as submitted.

Mr. Khalid Afzal of Montgomery Planning was addressed the Commission to share the Thrive 2050 program. The objective of the program is to gather feedback to be used to develop a General Plan for development of Montgomery County for the next several decades. “ Thrive Montgomery 2050 will ultimately result in an update to this General Plan, which informs the shape and character of every neighborhood in Montgomery County, the types of community facilities and amenities that serve residents and businesses, and the ways we travel throughout the county. The General Plan guides policy and decisions for the county in the coming decades. It is continually revised with amendments and through local master plans, sector plans and county-wide functional plans.” (quoted from <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/master-plan-list/general-plans/thrive-montgomery-2050/>). Mr. Afzal remarked about planning concepts developed several decades ago for the DC Metro area and Montgomery County and how those plans have evolved over the years. The presentation he gave is part of the County Planning teams’ efforts to get feedback and guidance from the public for development a plan for the future and he encouraged Commission members to share the information and provide feedback and ideas. Chair Wenger thanked Mr. Afzal for sharing a very informative presentation and would provide some feedback to him.

Planning Commissioner Training – Chair Wenger shared the online link that Planning Commission members need to visit for required certification. He informed new members that they should complete this training and provide the certificate of completion to the Clerk.

Open meetings – Chair Wenger informed new members and reminded old members about the Open Meetings Act. He directed members to the training available on the website and urged them to take the class and present their certificate to the Town Clerk. One member of each Commission or Board must have the training and Chair Wenger stated that he had done so.

Miller Park – Chair Wenger provided an update on the progress at Miller Park. There is a timeline and specifications that the contractor must comply with. He remarked that the path that goes back to Barberry Lane is in and will fit into the Walkable Communities concept.

Member Deyo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. . Member Pellegrino seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Dillingham

Secretary

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