

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Bryan Memorial Town Hall

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Planning Commission Regular Meeting

MINUTES

February 2, 2022

7:30 P.M. – Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Hileman, C. Matteo, D. Rimsky, S. Gager

ALTERNATES PRESENT: S. Mongar, J. Averill

ALTERNATES ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: S. White, M. Haverstock, M. Gorra, T. Rill

PUBLIC PRESENT: L. Anderson, D. Varnish, M. Giapponi, C. Charles, R. Solomon, M. Solomon

Call to Order:

Chairman Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Seating of Members/Alternates:

Chair Hileman seated himself, D. Rimsky, C. Matteo, S. Mongar and J. Averill.

S. Gager arrived at 7:35pm and was seated.

In Appreciation: Richard Carey:

The Planning Commission wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to the family of Richard Carey. Mr. Carey, a former Selectman, served on the Planning Commission as well as various Boards and Commissions in Washington for numerous years. The Commission voiced appreciation for Mr. Carey's knowledge of Washington and willingness to help whenever needed. He will be greatly missed.

Consideration of the Minutes:

MOTION: To accept the January 5, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted, by D. Rimsky, seconded by C. Matteo, approved unanimously.

Motion to Include Items Not on Agenda:

There were no items to include on the Agenda

New Applications:

There were no New Applications

Pending Applications:

There were no Pending Applications

Committee Reports/Updates:

Sustainability Committee:

C. Matteo stated that there would be a Resiliency Workshop next week that would be focusing on natural disasters. Chair Hileman will also be attending.

Economic Development Committee:

M. Gorra stated that the Committee had begun going over their goals for the upcoming year and working on the budget for the fiscal year.

She added that the welcoming kiosk was the focus of recent discussions, explaining that the Committee were currently looking at location possibilities. The Legion Hall/Senior Center is a possible location; however, it would need some maintenance.

D. Rimsky questioned this location, stating that it was not exactly in the town's center.

Referral re: Proposed Revisions to Zoning Regulations:

Sections 14.3; 14.7.13, 21.1.65 – Trees:

The Planning Commission discussed the language presented to them via the Zoning Commission.

They stated that they did not feel that the Regulation would be enforceable and lacked clarity, however it was the Planning Commission's responsibility to determine if the language was consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development. Chair Hileman pointed out that in the Subdivision Regulations define specimen trees as having a 24-inch diameter. The Commission determined that the language was not inconsistent, but did not feel it was an enforceable regulation and lacked clarity. The Commission agreed to allow Chair Hileman to forward the referral to the Zoning Commission expressing this.

MOTION: To approve Chair Hileman's referral letter regarding Washington Zoning Regulations, Sections: 14.3; 14.7.13, 21.1.65 - Preservation of Trees, Natural Features, and send to the

Washington Zoning Commission. Motion made by S. Gager, seconded by D. Rimsky, approved unanimously.

Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:

Review of 2014 POCD Goals & Strategies – Chapter 2: Demographics & Housing:

Chair Hileman presented the Commission with Chapter 2 of the 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development and the Commission went through each goal and decided if they had been met, needed work, or had not been met as of yet.

While many of the goals and strategies had been met, the Commission felt that there were several that had not and needed more attention.

Discussion of Time Frame for Community Meetings:

The Commission had agreed previously that Community Meetings would be helpful and beneficial in the development of the POCD. They felt that the Spring would be a good time to begin this mission.

Communications:

There were no Communications for this evenings meeting.

Administrative Business:

Revision of Subdivision Regulations – final review of Sections 1, 8, and 9:

The Commission reviewed the Sections at hand and determined that most of the revisions were cosmetic and needed minor additions or edits.

Other:

There was no other business for this meeting.

Adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn the February 2, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 8:39pm, by S. Gager, seconded by C. Matteo, approved unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

**Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
Town of Washington**

February 8, 2022

*Minutes are subject to approval