



This meeting took place via ZOOM videoconference. In attendance were Commissioners Georgette Cole (Chair), Bob Christin, Sylvie Favret, Robert Johnson, and Peter Nagrod (TC Liaison). Also Bob Booher, Chair of the HPC, Bruce Daggy for the Sustainability Committee, Robyn Renas (architect), and several residents including Andrew and Emika Hotaling for their building permit application.

**Approval of Agenda:** Peter Nagrod moved to approve the agenda. Robert seconded the motion. *Approved 5-0.*

**Building Permit Applications:**

**407 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Georgette Cole showed the current plan and asked if there were any questions. Sylvie Favret explained her review. The plan is in compliance with Town regulations. Sylvie moved to approve the proposed plans. Georgette seconded the motion. *Approved: 5-0.*

Architect Robyn Renas expressed her concerns about the setbacks on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and how Montgomery County might handle them. The Commission said they are grandfathered and therefore not regulated by the County. The Washington Grove stamp and signature on the application should be sufficient. We will make sure it's clear that the setbacks shown are included in the approval.

**328 Ridge Road:** The latest plans for this house and driveway were submitted on August 29. The addition of a rear gable met the final condition for approval and the paperwork was signed on August 30. Also, the signed permit for the driveway. Both were sent to Caruso Homes and Pinecrest Development on August 30. We still need a Public Ways and Property Permit for the driveway and WSSC. Georgette Cole moved for conditional approval once received. Robert Johnson seconded the motion. *Approved: 5-0.*

**Public Ways & Property Permits:** See 328 Ridge Road.

**Public Appearances:** Bruce Daggy reported discussions with two families who are interested in having their own chickens to produce eggs. However, the Town ordinances do not allow "poultry or livestock" to be kept within the town (Article I, section 6). The Sustainability Committee has been discussing this and Bruce has drafted guidelines for a potential ordinance change. Peter Nagrod stated this should be presented to the Town Council not the Planning Commission. Georgette agreed. There was some discussion.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Georgette Cole moved to approve the minutes from the August 7 meeting of the Planning Commission. Peter Nagrod seconded the motion. *Approved: 5-0.*

Georgette Cole moved to approve the minutes from the August 22 meeting of the Planning Commission. Robert Johnson seconded the motion. *Approved: 5-0.*

**Commercial Corner Update:** Nothing to report.

**Report from Town Council:** Peter Nagrod reported the following:

- The Meadows Committee is proposing a plan to cut down cedar trees in the meadow. This action is in line with the Montgomery Parks maintenance plan.
- DEI training will be offered to Town officials.
- RASEC Leadership team has elected to separate from the Town and form an independent advocacy group.
- Improvements have been made to the playground, more will follow when time and money permit.
- Road repairs are completed.
- Stormwater work is still being discussed. Addition discussions next month.

**Gateway Committee Update:** The yew obstructing pedestrians on the sidewalk leaving the Commercial Corner on Washington grove Lane has been removed. There are plans underway to reroute the sidewalk. Joan Mahaffey asked who would be responsible for the removal of the many non-native invasive “Tree of Heaven” multiplying in this area around the Welcome to Washington Grove sign. Georgette will talk to Audrey and Jay on Forestry and Beautification Committee about this issue.

**Other Business:** There was none.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Kathryn L. Lehman, Town Clerk