Town of Washington Grove Maryland

Minutes of the Planning Commission Worksession 17 June 2020

Approved:

This meeting was held online using the Zoom App. Attendees could use the app to attend by video or telephone.

Attendees: Commissioners Georgette Cole, Charlie Challstrom, Robert Johnson (alternate), Deb Mehlferber, and Peter Nagrod, Town Council members, Pat Klein and David Cosson, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee (EPSC) Chair Sat Amagai, Joan Mahaffey and Audrey Maskery.

Call to order 7:38 pm.

Peter moved to approve the agenda; Charlie seconded. Vote 4/0.

Robert moved approval of the 5/20 minutes; Deb seconded. Vote 5/0.

The meeting began with a completely new Section 11) Emergency Preparedness with Risk Management and Hazard Mitigation.

The EPSC submitted a 5-page document originating in late 2018, but updated May of 2020. It is a well-researched and carefully thought out proposal to improve government services in Washington Grove, especially during emergencies.

The original document labels sections A-I. These will be changed to 11.1-11.9 to be consistent with the rest of the Master Plan. Otherwise only two words in the document were changed before the document was accepted.

- 11.1) Town Critical Functions was accepted as written.
- 11.2) Chain of Command and Continuity of Operations was accepted as written.
- 11.3) Town Infrastructure Use was accepted as written.
- 11.4) Town Communications Systems sparked considerable discussion and brainstorming. It was accepted with one word change.
- 11.5) Risk Management and Safety Procedures was accepted as written.
- 11.6) Coordination with External Emergency Entities was accepted as written.
- 11.7) Volunteer Efforts also engendered considerable discussion. It was accepted with one word change.
- 11.8) Outreach and Expertise Development was accepted as written.
- 11.9) Preparing for Extended Emergency Event was accepted as written.

We returned to Section 3.4.2 to decide who would try to find out if the transit easement on the southerly side of the railroad corridor had actually been eliminated by the County Council. Charlie has volunteered to see if Sidney Katz office has any information.

In 3.6 now renumbered to 3.5) Washington Grove Lane; reference to the Railroad Street Improvement Plan was deleted.

In 3.7 now 3.6) Humpback Bridge/Railroad Street it was noted we should determine the current County designation of Oakmont Avenue. The last recommendation was altered.

In 3.8 now 3.7) Ridge Road it was observed the annexation properties should be described so it would be easier for a reader to identify the property in question. The size of the Conservation Meadow was corrected.

Sections 3.9 now 3.8) McCauley Street and Maple Road, 3.10 now 3.9) Center Street, 3.11 now 3.10) Cherry Avenue, and 3.12 now 3.11) Brown Street were not changed.

The numbering may change as the section is updated. The final section 3.12 with Historical Concerns should be re-checked by the HPC.

We adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Georgette will integrate the current changes into a 061720 draft for circulation to Commissioners and posting to the Town web site before the next work session.

Our next meeting will be July 15, but may change depending on the availability of a Commercial Property Consultant the PC wishes to consult regarding Section 8.

Submitted by Georgette Cole