



Minutes of the Planning Commission Worksession
15 July 2020

Approved:

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

Attendees: Commissioners Georgette Cole, Charlie Challstrom, Robert Johnson (alternate), and Peter Nagrod, and HPC Chair Bob Booher.

Call to order 7:32 pm.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Peter moved approval of the 6/17 minutes; Robert seconded. Vote 4/0. Charlie moved approval of the 7/7 minutes; Robert seconded. An additional sentence was introduced to the list of points made by Larry. Vote 4/0 as amended.

The commission discussed information from real estate consultant, Larry Spott, at our 7/7 special meeting. We discussed where some of his suggestions might be useful. Members will look at the current draft for where information might be usefully integrated. We agreed that we should also add that preserving the post office in Washington Grove was important for maintaining a critical sense of place.

We returned to Section 3.4.2) Other Transit Services and Easement which we elected to delete. The easement was for the CCT which was rerouted in the 2010 Great Seneca Sciences Corridor (GSSC) Master Plan approval.

In 3.6) Humpback Bridge/Railroad Street changes were introduced to reflect other actions in the GSSC Master Plan related to the Humpback Bridge.

Stormwater management arose and we discussed of the desirability of permeable surfaces used on non-driving roads in Washington Grove (Ex: Brown Street between Chestnut Street and Hickory Road, or Oak Street and Center Street between Hickory Road and Washington Grove Lane). Is there a place in the Master Plan this could be incorporated?

We reviewed the new submission from the Lighting Committee for Section 4.5. The material they cover is excellent and was approved conceptually. However, it's not clear how the material is to be integrated with the existing draft Section 4.5 which contains background and recommendations from the HPC. We will ask the Lighting Committee to redraft their section starting with the current draft language and adding theirs in the way which most clearly represents their thoughts.

We adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Georgette will integrate the current changes into a 071520 draft for circulation to Commissioners and posting to the Town web site before the next work session.

Our next meeting will be August 19 when we will start with any updates for Section 8 and thoughts on permeable surface material insertion. We will look again at Section 4.5) Street and Walkway Lighting, then go to Section 10) Interjurisdictional.

Submitted by Georgette Cole

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