



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022

6:30pm – 8:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Members Present via Video Conference: Lucinda Bartley, Alison Danilak, Jon McCandlish, Phil Zimmerman, Peter Van Do

Members Absent:

Others Present: George Locke – Borough Manager, Deborra Sines-Pancoe – Borough Council President, Marley Bice – Montgomery County Planner

Reports/Actions

The PC utilized the first portion of the meeting to re-organize; discussing the internally appointed roles of PC Chairperson and Secretary. After agreement on nominations, motions were put forth with all in favor for Jon McCandlish and Lucinda Bartley to be appointed Chairperson and Secretary respectfully. The PC further discussed future processes for annual PC re-organization and procedures for generating meeting minutes. The PC welcomed new member Peter Van Do who formally joined the commission in January.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

There were no items of new business.

Ongoing Business

SALDO Review / Update

Ms. Bice/Ms. Danilak provided a brief summary of the SALDO revision progress status and schedule. Ms. Bice confirmed that revisions to chapter 160 were currently under review by Borough Solicitor Hitchens and would soon be ready to present to BC. She also confirmed that Chapter 3 revision comments from the Borough Engineer had been received. Ms. Bice requested that chapter 3 revisions also be reviewed by Mr. Locke.

Mr. McCandlish and Ms. Bartley suggested that the PC review with Ms. Bice zoning language related to accessory dwelling units and short-term rentals in a subsequent meeting.

610 York Road – Zoning Ordinance Amendment Request and Northern Gateway TOD

The PC briefly discussed the proposal by Catalyst Experimental to revise zoning code requirements to permit a digital sign at the corner of 610 York. The PC also discussed strategies for reengaging the property owner in discussions pertaining to TOD opportunities for the site and continuing collaboration with the Borough regarding development planning generally.

Jenkintown Commons – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Request

Mr. Locke provided an update to the PC regarding the zoning text amendment request for the Jenkintown Commons development and stated that the associated land development application had been received. The PC briefly discussed the proposed text amendments and confirmed that the request would be reviewed further once the county review had been provided to the PC.

Holmstead Hall

Mr. Locke provided the PC with an update stating that the property owner had contacted him and expressed his intent not to proceed with a proposed development due to being obligated by Borough zoning requirements to go before the ZHB to seek zoning relief. The PC expressed interest in offering support for the project. Mr. Locke suggested that the PC recommend project approval to the ZHB if the applicant did decide to move forward with the project.

Adjournment