

MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
May 19, 2014
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Evans - Chairman
Jay Lewis – Vice-Chairman (Arrived at 7:10pm)
Jeff Helm
Stephanie Weisser
Mary Wickenheiser
Jamie Hess
Tiffani Lynn (Absent)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Samuel F. Sulkosky, Borough Manager
Mayor Leo Lutz
Pam Arnold, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Justin Evans called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:04 p.m.

There was a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to approve the April 21, 2014 minutes and Stephanie Weisser seconded. All favored this motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Frank Doutrich of 1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia, PA asked when the meeting regarding SALDO and The Official Map would take place. Borough Manager Sulkosky said the meeting would take place on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 6:00pm.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION:

Mary Wickenheiser asked if the SALDO and the recently passed Tree commission Ordinance conflict regarding the distance street trees need to be planted apart. Borough Manager Sulkosky agreed that there is a conflict and that he would change the distance on the SALDO to match the Shade Tree Ordinance. He will also notify Barry Handwerger so he can change his copy. Sam also noted that he will notify the businesses along Shawnee Run about the meeting on Wednesday.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Historic North End:

Justin Evans noted that Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership has 255 North Third Street is under contract. The plan is to take possession by the end of June. The property is being purchased for \$32,000 and needs approximately \$66,000 (market value) worth of work. The actual cost for the repairs should be approximately \$33,000 due to people/businesses volunteering time and materials.

Historic North End Meeting:

There was discussion regarding the meeting on March 31, 2014 where Doug Phillips, Architect, presented information regarding the 3rd Street Corridor. Jeff Helm noted that the meeting was well attended (approximately 81 people) and that the presentation was very informational.

Borough Manager Sulkosky stated that he has been in discussions with the Columbia Economic Development Corporation regarding their intent to organize a similar project. He said that they would not be limited to the Third Street Corridor. He will be in contact with them in a few days to further discuss their plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update of the Comprehensive Plan:

Justin Evans noted that he met with Jeff and the County Planning Office last Friday to discuss the Housing Market Analysis Summary. Justin said he feels this information incorporated into the Comp. Plan.

Mary Wickenheiser noted that the airport has been decommissioned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Helm noted that 855 Walnut Street is under contract.

Jeff Helm noted that he recently attended a seminar for Zoning and Building Officers, regarding Act 167 Stormwater Management. The meeting took place at the Farm and Home Center and the presenter was Ed Fisher of Leight and Heigel Engineering. Jeff noted that he has some handout materials and a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation which he will distribute to the Planning Commission Members to review for discussion at the June meeting.

The Planning Commission Members asked Sam to give them copies of the new Stormwater Ordinance. Sam said he would email the copies.

Mayor Lutz reminded everyone that Columbia is hosting the June 11, 2014 LIMC Meeting. He asked everyone to RSVP to Pam Arnold. He noted that Charlotte Katzenmoyer, the Public Works Director for the City of Lancaster would be the presenter at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and Jamie Hess seconded. All favored this motion.

Respectfully submitted,


Tiffani Lynn
Secretary



Borough of Columbia

LEO S. LUTZ, Mayor
MICHAEL L. BEURY, Borough Council President
R. L. PFANNEBECKER, Solicitor
SAMUEL F. SULKOSKY, Borough Manager

COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

May 19, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
Final

1. Call to Order:
2. Period of Prayer:
3. Pledge of Allegiance:
4. Election of Officers:
5. Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2014
6. Special Discussion:
7. Correspondence:
8. Engineer's Review(s):
9. Demolition Applications:
(Releases: Sewer, Water, Gas, Electric, Cable TV, Tele)
10. Action Items:
11. Discussion Items: Historic North End – Neighborhood Revitalization Program
12. Old Business: Update of Comprehensive Plan
Projects Update:
13. New Business: Housing Summary and Land Use Map
14. Public Comments and Questions:
15. Zoning Hearing(s):
16. Adjournment: