

MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
October 17, 2011
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Haines, Chairman
Jay Lewis, Vice Chairman
Tiffani Lynn, Secretary
Mary Virginia Abendschein
Terry Sears
Carmen Swinehart

MAYOR/COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

James Smith

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeffrey Helm, Planning and Zoning Officer
George Weis, Code Enforcement Officer
Laurie A. Gerfin-Lutz, Clerk

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Doutrich
Brian Long
Dorothy McGinness
Jim McGinness
Patrick McGinness

CALL TO ORDER:

Don Haines, Chairman, called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

Carmen Swinehart motioned and Terry Sears seconded to approve the September 19, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Due to her absence at the September meeting Mary Virginia Abendschein abstained from voting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There was a discussion on proposing to the Columbia Borough Council to put the Columbia Borough Planning Commission meeting agenda and meeting minutes on the Borough website. Jeff Helm said there was no official action needed and he would get the information to Georgianna Schreck to put on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Official Map – Jeff Helm provided a hand out for the Commission pertaining to the Official Map. The map has been checked for accuracy. Jeff displayed an 11 x 17 copy of the map for the Commission and audience to view and there was a discussion on highlighted areas that would

be appropriate for a community garden. Jeff received a request from Lancaster General Health for a place appropriate for such a garden. Lancaster General is looking to form a partnership to create the garden.

Jeff Helm gave updates on the following properties:

Plane Street Phase I Project – Construction continuing as scheduled. There was a discussion on when the project will be completed and how it will progress.

Norfolk Southern RR – The contract to change ownership of the land has not been finalized yet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Frank Doutrich asked questions about the former Phoenix Packaging building on Manor Street and the Meisenbach property located at 4th and Manor Streets. Frank's questions were answered by Jeff Helm.

There was a discussion on how property owners are notified when the zoning status of their property is changed.



Patrick McGinness thanked the Commission for the microphones now being used and for all their efforts regarding the official map.

Jim Smith asked where the Cycle Den project currently stands. His questions were answered by both the Commission members and Jeff Helm. Jim congratulated the Commission on the job they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Virginia Abendschein motioned and Tiffani Lynn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Tiffani Lynn
Secretary 

Borough of Columbia

LEO S. LUTZ, Mayor
MARY C. WICKENHEISER, Borough Council President
R. L. PFANNEBECKER, Solicitor
NORMAN B. MEISKEY, III, Borough Manager

COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

October 17, 2011 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: September 19, 2011
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:
12. Old Business:
Official Map - Final
Projects Update:
13. New Business: Proposal-Post Monthly Planning Agenda And
Planning Meeting Minutes On Borough Website
14. Public Comments and Questions:
15. Zoning Hearings:
16. Adjournment: