

MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
December 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Evans – Chairman
Jay Lewis, Vice – Chairman
Tiffani Lynn – Secretary
Jeff Helm
Jamie Hess
Stephanie Weisser
Mary Wickenheiser

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronald L Miller, Borough Manager
Quetsy Soto, Clerk

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Kinser, and the Boy Scout Troop 66

CALL TO ORDER:

Justin Evans called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to approve the November 17, 2014 minutes (with a change of spelling from peer to pier) and Jamie Hess seconded. All favored this motion.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION:

David Kinser announced that the Boy Scout Troop 66 is observing the meeting for their citizenship merit badge.

Chairman Evans gave a Kudos to the Borough for the River Park Trail Services Building's Open House.

Mary Wickenheiser added that people came in until it closed at 2:00 PM. The Borough is looking for a shorter catchier name. The Consultant came up with Columbia Landing.

Chairman Evans challenged the Boy Scouts to come up with a name before January 1, 2015.

Ronald Miller requested a new letter from Chairman Evans regarding the CDBG grant that will be used to fix the roads on South Eighth Street.

Mary Wickenheiser Motioned to reauthorize letter for the CDBG grant that will be used to repair the roads on South Eighth Street. Stephanie Weisser seconded and all favored the motion.

Tonight's meeting will be the final planning meeting for Jamie Hess. All members thanked him for his service.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

The planning Commission discussed the Comprehensive Plan and the challenges of tying everything together with the right signage while outlining the North West River Trail and having signs to direct people into downtown.

The North 3RD Street gateway is trying to create a smaller group from the main steering committee to exchange ideas on layout and having a collaborative design effort from residents.

Currently the area of focus is the south western part of the Borough with significant disinvestment. Jeffrey Helm did some research and mentioned that investors should be guided for longer periods of time and a more global plan shall be provided to handle the dilapidation of some of the structures in the south western part of the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS UPDATE:

Mary Wickenheiser thanked Jeffrey Helm for including the Zoning Hearing minutes in the planning packets.

ZONING HEARINGS:

Jeffrey Helm mentioned that in the hearing there was an application to add a garage and separate the parcel at 27 North Second Street the decision was continued for the next meeting.

Jeffrey Helm added that there was an approval for a Latino Radio station on 173 Deascenti Drive.

Chairman Evans asked If 1600 Lancaster Avenue was resubmitted. Jeffrey Helm informed that an email was sent to West Hempfield Township regarding our desire to discuss the possibility of an inter-municipal agreement to resolve the water runoff issues in the 1600 Lancaster Avenue area.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. and Tiffany Lynn seconded. All favored this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiffany Lynn
Secretary

Borough of Columbia

LEO S. LUTZ, Mayor
MICHAEL L. BEURY, Borough Council President
R. L. PFANNEBECKER, Solicitor
RONALD L. MILLER, Borough Manager

COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

December 15, 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: November 17, 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:
12. Old Business: Comprehensive Plan
Projects Update:
13. New Business:
14. Public Comments and Questions:
15. Zoning Hearing(s):
16. Adjournment: