

MINUTES  
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
May 22, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Wickenheiser, Chairperson  
Tiffani Lynn, Vice-Chairperson  
Brad Lynn, Secretary  
Barbara Fisher  
Jeffery Helm  
Annette White

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Theresa O'Donnell, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Wickenheiser called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:04 p.m.

Justin Evans was absent from this meeting.

There was a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Brad Lynn motioned to approve the April 16, 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes and Tiffani Lynn seconded. All favored this motion.

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION: HARB Expansion Map- Proposed**

Jeff Helm and Mary Wickenheiser stated they attended the Borough Council Work Session on May 7, 2019. They reviewed with the Commission the proposed map detailing changes including the cross hatching of specific streets and the additional information pertaining to Bethel Cemetery. The next step was for the map to go to PHMC for certification.

Mary Wickenheiser requested Jeff Helm permanently date stamp the map.

Tiffani Lynn motioned to recommend adoption of the proposed HARB expansion map and forward this map to Borough Council and Annette White seconded. All favored this motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ENGINEER'S REVIEW:** None

**DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Mary Wickenheiser and Brad Lynn signed the drawings for 401 Locust Street. Mary Wickenheiser announced that the groundbreaking for this project took place earlier today.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Comprehensive Plan – Work Session Update- Jeff Helm updated the Commission on the Columbia2040 meetings that took place last week and earlier this week. Deb LaClair continues to compile the information gathered at these meetings. The next Comprehensive Plan Engagement Session is Thursday, May 23, 2019 at St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Zoning Revisions- Jeff Helm informed the Commission that Borough Council was moving forward with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Legal Advertisement is set for publication June 15, 2019 to be considered at the June 25, 2019 Borough Council Regular Meeting. The Commission reviewed the Zoning Map. Jeff Helm spoke in reference to mid -block commercial spaces/permitted by right usage and underutilized parcels. Jeff Helm recommended the Commission schedule a walking tour to identify these parcels. Mary Wickenheiser recommended breaking the walking tour into several smaller tours. The Commission agreed that a walking tour would be beneficial and would come to the June 6, 2019 Comprehensive Plan Work Session with dates to schedule these walks.

Jeff Helm referenced a handout titled 'Build More Housing' Is No Match for Inequality.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tiffani Lynn inquired how the Armory building name was changed to the Wenger Center and expressed concerns about how the history of building would be preserved. She also inquired about the Columbia Animal Shelter because it was her understanding that the sale of the property was contingent upon a public playground being placed on the property. Jeff Helm suggested the deed be researched.

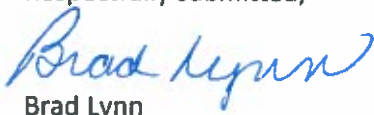
**PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS:** None

**ZONING HEARINGS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Jeff Helm motioned to adjourn this meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission at 8:32 p.m. and Tiffani Lynn seconded. All favored the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Brad Lynn

Secretary

