

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

July 16, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland County Planning Commission was held Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at Business Central, 18 N. Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA.

Roll Call

Members present included Jackie Eakin, William Forrey, Ron Glesner, Allan Williams, Chris Knarr, Debi Ealer, Barbara Wilson, Rajesh Jain, and Bruce Rosendale. Staff members present included Kirk Stoner, Jim Szymborski, Jeff Kelly, Jim Bennett, and Tracey Yoder. Also present was Chris Houston from the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman William Forrey at 7:35 a.m.

Minutes

A motion to approve the June 18, 2009 meeting minutes was made by Debi Ealer, seconded by Chris Knarr. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

A. Blighted Property Reinvestment Board - 32 Mill St., Mt. Holly Springs (Action)

Chris Houston of the Redevelopment and Housing Authority attended the meeting to present a blighted property located at 32 Mill St., Mt. Holly Springs. Chris distributed pictures to the Commission members showing the blighted condition of the property. The Authority has gone through the process necessary to have the situation resolved and has not received response from the owner of the property. The Mt. Holly Planning Commission certified the property as blighted at their June 23rd, 2009 meeting. Chris requested the Cumberland County Planning Commission also certify the property as blighted. The Redevelopment Authority would then be able to obtain the property, rehab it, and sell to the highest bidder. The rehab of this property may include demolition of the structures on the lot. A recommendation for the reuse of the property can be included in the redevelopment agreement. Barbara Wilson made a motion to certify the property as blighted and include the reuse as residential in the agreement, seconded by Ron Glesner. The vote was unanimous.

B. Subdivision and Land Development Plans (Information)

Jeff referred to the list of plans presented this month. There were 18 plans submitted for review. One plan of interest is in Lower Allen Township, Motel Sleepers along Simpson Ferry Road; a 70 room motel with a 40 seat restaurant is proposed.

C. Ordinance Amendments (Information)

The following modules were reviewed by staff.

1. Silver Spring – Zoning Ord amendments – Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers; Warehousing as a conditional use in I-2 zone
2. South Middleton – Zoning Ord. amendment (3rd review) – Side and rear building setbacks in commercial and industrial districts; townhouses per acre in RH zone

D. Sewage Modules (Information)

1. Lower Mifflin – Joyce Gries – 1 residential lot (septic)
2. Penn – Whispering Hope – 4 residential units (septic)
3. West Pennsboro – Richard Hippensteel – 1 residential lot (septic)

E. 2009 County Planning Program Update

Kirk Stoner reported the following information for the County Program updates:

- The 2008 Annual Report has been completed and was distributed at the meeting.
- The Comp Plan committee met on July 14 and is working on a draft of the future land use map.
- Tree Vitalize- 8 applications were received; a reviewing meeting is set for July 27th, 2009
- SALDO- a review for completion of the plans received has shown that plans have had a 20 day turn around for comments being available. The allotted amount of time is 30 days.
- Imagine West Shore comp plan committees have met and are moving forward with adoption of consistent joint ordinances
- Monroe Township - The litigation dispute of the zoning challenge has been ruled in favor of the township. The CCPC testimony was noted in the decision.

F. 2009 Regional Program Update

Jim Szymborski reported the following information for the Regional Program Update:

- Regional Transportation Plan – Task Force meeting has been scheduled for September 22nd.
- Regional Goods Movement – June meeting was held, sponsored and attended by Senator Wonderling. Discussion in July will be held for September RGMF agenda.
- CAT- Work has been completed on environmental justice analysis, recommended for HATS recertification review.
- The remaining classification count for Cumberland County will be conducted the week of July 20th. Municipal traffic count assistance notice and application has been sent to municipalities. Lemoyne Borough will be the first of these counts.
- Regional Growth Management Plan update – Last steering committee meeting developed needs/issues to be addressed.
- GIS work group met on June 25th, Data sharing agreement will be circulated in August for signatures. Data exchange for western municipalities Anderson land use/cover data base and eastern municipalities for final data input will be completed between CCPC staff and TCRPC staff.
- HATS has determined three Cumberland County areas to be identified for Smart Transportation Submission:
 - Mechanicsburg - Safe routes to school
 - Newville Elementary – Safe routes to school
 - Carlisle Downtown – road diet project
- Economic Stimulus funding for resurfacing projects in Cumberland County has been placed on the Transportation Improvement Program.
- Stage 1 of the US 15- PA 581 project is 2/3 complete, 15% ahead of schedule
- Stage 2 of the US 15-PA 581 project is in progress.
- PA 581 ramp repairs are completed.

Jackie requested to add “other business” to the end of the agenda. She thanked everyone for their assistance at Jubilee Days. She also suggested a fall social for the planning commission members in conjunction with a meeting.

Chris Knarr added that a second round of H2O funding applications is due August 4th.

Allan Williams expressed a concern that safe, natural areas where children can play are not being provided for in development plans. The thought is to promote healthiness and well being in children with an exposure and appreciation of nature. The book “Last Child in the Woods” discusses the “No Child Left Inside” initiatives.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday August 20, 2009, 7:30 a.m. at Business Central, Carlisle. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 a.m. on a motion by Allan Williams.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Yoder
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