

Community Planning Committee (C.P.C.) - Village Of Arden

Minutes Of Meeting Held On Wednesday November 15, 2016

Present: Ray Seigfried, Ron Meick, Mark Wood and Dan McNeil

Member Absent: Cynthia Dewick and Sally Sharp

Sub-Committee Present: None

Meeting called to order by Ray Seigfried as the Committee Chairman at 7:36 PM

The minutes of the meeting for September 2016 were reviewed, discussed and approved by those committee members in attendance. There was no C.P.C. meeting in October 2016.

The topics addressed in this meeting include: (1) Village Transformation Project Ad hoc Committee; (2) Memorial Garden/Community Garden Sub-Committees; (3) Vacant Housing Ordinance; (4) Public Land – Deed Restrictions; and (4) C.P.C. Candidates for 2017

Guest Appearance: None

Village Transformation Project

There was no updated information on the Village Transformation Project.

Memorial Garden / Community Garden Sub-Committee

There was no update from either The Memorial Garden or the Community Garden.

Village of Arden Vacant Housing Ordinance

The latest list provided through the Village Registration Committee was reviewed and discussed in detail with the master list updated for the current fiscal year.

Public Land – Deed Restrictions

Since April 2016, Ray has initiated a governmental review of the covenants, conditions and restrictions in the 1973 deed between the Trustees of Arden and the Village of Arden. The deed addressed (7) common area tracts of forest and green space which were conveyed to the Village as part of its incorporation in accordance with State Law.

Ray believes that the current Deed Restrictions are not clear and recommends the Village retain an attorney specializing in land use law for the purpose of preparing a legal opinion addressing the covenants, conditions and restricts affecting the (7) common area tracts of forest and green space.

Our County Representative (John Cartier) subsequently provided a list of land use attorneys. On-going discussions have been occurring between Ray and Jeff Politis as Village Chairman with Michael DeNote, Esq. Mr. DeNote is a land use attorney at Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP in Wilmington.

In addition, over the past several months, Ray and Jeff have met with the Village Trustees. It is the general intention to structure legal and workable parameters for select cases in which a Village wide Referendum is not deemed to be reasonable.

It is also recognized that Civic Committee need to be invited in this discussion.

Candidates For 2017 Election

The Committee reviewed a list of names of Arden residents who might be interested in serving on the C.P.C. in 2017. Ray will follow up and contact each person individually.

Lastly, the C.P.C. members in attendance unanimously decided to cancel the meeting for December 2016. The C.P.C. will reconvene on January 17, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned by Ray Seigfried as Committee Chairman at 8:16 PM.

Meeting minutes compiled and prepared by Dan McNeil.