

Minutes of January 15, 2020 Community Planning Meeting
Presented: February 19, 2020 Community Planning Meeting and Approved.
Buzz Ware Community Center, 7:00PM

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Members Present: Jennifer Borders, Jeff Martin, Mark Wood, Grace Ressler
Visitors Present: Dave Claney, Carol DiGiovanni, Jeff Politis, Debbie Ricard, Warren Rosenkranz

CPC's turn to provide refreshments for Town Meeting was mentioned. Grace Ressler and Jennifer Borders volunteered.

CPC Committee Mission Revision Sub-Committee – (Jennifer Borders, Rick Farrell, Jeff Martin, Carol DiGiovanni are serving on this sub-committee) The meetings are on 2nd Thursday of the month. Jennifer will re-send the minutes from these meetings.

Ad Hoc Sub-Committee: In Debbie Ricard's initial absence from CPC, Carol DiGiovanni presented the update and read the minutes of the of the January 5th meeting: G.I.C., TAH Mission/description of duties & change of goals – Education through published information and public meetings. Next project: Arden's Direct Democracy & Committee functions and responsibilities to be held February 9, 2020. Final project is Meet the Candidates March 14, 2020. Both done Community Planning's sponsorship.

Vacant Housing – Committee is waiting for list from Registration. In relation to this issue the CPC will review Jeff Politis' email regarding commercial properties and other matters. These matters are to be further discussed at CPC February Meeting.

Recruitment for March elections addressed. (Rick and Mark's terms expire).
Carol DiGiovanni will run.

The Dissolution of the Transformation Ad Hoc Sub Committee was discussed, and it was moved and seconded to dissolve it. There was majority vote to dissolve. Three initiatives remain active and will be continued by a new sub-committee. The G.I.C. refreshed website, the information meetings and the continued exploration of securing sponsorship of Archives to pursue grant writing and production of desired video elements.

New Sub-Committee: A motion was made to create a new sub-committee which was seconded, and the majority voted in favor. A detailed discussion of the mission and description of the new sub-committee followed. The framework draft for the discussion was provided by the TAH group from their January 5th draft meeting minutes. The new sub-Committee was titled Education and Governance sub-Committee of Community Planning. The resulting description and mission statement in abbreviated form the following:

Promote awareness, understanding and active participation in Arden's Direct Democracy:

- by sponsoring public gatherings or meetings,
- by publishing informative articles in the Page and producing hand-outs
- and by building a central archive for Town Documents – to be achieved by collaboration with Town Assembly Secretary to collect documents (by copying, scanning, as needed). And house them in a secure location- The key community governance documents such as Deed of Trust, Town Charter and By-Laws and maintain them in a secure central location to serve as archives which can be accessed by the community.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grace Ressler, Secretary