

Community Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes for October 19, 2022

Present: Jennifer Borders, David Gerbec, Ron Meick, Pam Politis, and John Scheflen

Guest: Jeff Jackson, Claymont Community Center Director of Program Advancement

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Arden Community Relief Fund: Jeff Jackson joined the meeting to discuss a potential partnership for a new Arden Relief Fund. He reported on the success of the ARCA Community Relief Fund that the Claymont Community Center (CCC) and ACRA developed to provide financial assistance to residents of the Ardens during the pandemic. Beginning in July of 2020, 14 households in the Ardens received a total of \$7,000 to help with rent/mortgage payments, utility bills, and emergency auto or home repairs. The CCC was able to help some of the recipients take part in state programs that provide ongoing help or guidance.

After Jeff left the call, the Community Planning Committee (CPC) discussed how the program might continue to provide emergency financial support for Ardens' residents while also delivering on the CPC's mission by promoting economic diversity in Arden. Possible sources of funding were discussed. Ultimately, any proposals to continue the relief program will need to be approved by Arden, Ardentown, and Ardencroft.

Government Task Force: Fourteen ordinances have been reviewed. Half of Arden's existing ordinances will be updated. The remainder have been determined to be obsolete or otherwise unnecessary so they will be repealed.

Transportation Working Group: The group recently completed a survey to identify the key concerns of residents of the Ardens and the surrounding area. The results will be shared at the group's next public meeting which will be held on October 25, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 pm, at the Buzz Ware Village Center.

Arden Planning Retreat: *"What does Arden look like in 20 years?"*

The CPC will host a retreat with the Trustees and the Advisory Committee for the purpose of generating ideas and strategies that will shape the future of Arden. The meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, or Sunday, February 5th, 2023. Interested members of the CPC will meet separately on Thursday, November 3rd to begin planning the retreat.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.