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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 - 8:30 AM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Bob Zuckerman
Trustee Summer Jones
Trustee Braynard Brown
Anthony Greci, Construction Official
Greer Patras, Zoning Official
Julie Doran, Deputy Administrator
Melissa Hodge, SO Downtown Executive Director
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

All members present approved the meeting minutes.

November 9, 2021

December 14, 2021

January 18, 2022

Reports

Code Enforcement Report- Mr. Greci

Mr. Greci reported on the following:

- Irvington + Ward Place

In response to Trustee Jones, Mr. Greci stated that he has had no contact with the tenant but will try again and report back off-line.

- Landmark Update

Mr. Greci detailed that committee on the progress of the project and reported the timeline of completion will be summer 2022.



Trustee Jones asked for an update for the Historic Preservation Commission meeting regarding demolition permits issues by the building department. Mr. Grenci stated there were no permits issues at this time. However, Irvington Avenue and Valley + Lackawanna will be applying soon.

Deputy Administrator Report- Ms. Doran

Ms. Doran announced the second reading of the Cannabis Ordinance at the next Board of Trustee Meeting. Once the Ordinance is adopted, Mr. Doran will be working with Mrs. Patras and Mr. Otis on the application and process moving forward. The Deputy Administrator discussed the lack of progress on the 4th + Valley Project. As of now, the completion of the project is slated for early summer 2022/ end of year. There has been interest in commercial space on the property. Lastly, Ms. Doran stated that there is a Planning Board Special Meeting on February 23, 2022 to discuss traffic circulation.

In response to Trustee Zuckerman, Ms. Doran spoke to the developer of Vose + Taylor and stated if progress stays on track, the parking garage will be open by the summer. In regards to the adoption of the parking ordinance, Trustee Jones asked what would be the next steps. In agreement with Mrs. Patras, Ms. Doran stated that there would be no need for a mass rollout. The ordinance would come into play when a new business applies for a use permit. The outreach would be to existing property owners, if interested. Mrs. Patras added that she created an application for a waiver that will be available on GovPilot. The committee discussed various vacant properties and possible uses for the space.

South Orange Downtown Report- Ms. Hodge

Executive Director Hodge gave a brief report regarding day to day support for businesses in their district. There has been an increase in interest in opening a business in the Village. Currently, S.O. Orange Downtown is working on spotlighting black-owned businesses in honor of Black History Month.

New Business

Permitted Uses

Ms. Hodge had received an interest in an arcade in the downtown. She was under the impression that it was a permitted use.

Ms. Patras gave a brief overview of the current permitted uses ordinance and explained what is allowed in the B1,B2,B3 zones not specifically to Vose + Taylor. In response to Trustee Zuckerman, Ms. Patras stated that Vose + Taylor is under its



own Redevelopment Agreement. As a recommendation from Mrs. Patras, the committee discussed amending the CBD (1,2,3) ordinance. The next step is to further review the current ordinance and discuss it at the next meeting.

Fee Increases (Escrow & Building)

Old Business

All old business items will be discussed at the next months' meeting.

Cannabis Task Force

Accessory Dwelling Units Discussion

Discussion of Priorities from Master Plan

Next Meeting Date

March 15, 2022; 8:30AM

Adjournment