



PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 8:30 AM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call Meeting to Order

Jen Greenberg, Chair
Bill Haskins, Trustee
Olivia Lewis-Chang, Trustee
Anthony Greci, Construction Official
Greer Patras, Zoning Official
Justin Cutroneo, Topology
Julie Doran, Village Administrator
Melissa Hodge, SOVCA Executive Director
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Reports

Code Enforcement Report- Mr. Greci

Mr. Greci reported on the following:

- Hiring process for the Code Enforcement Officer position
- 100 Blanchard Road update
- Fire prevention update/ Property Inspection

- Orange Lawn Tennis Club
- Waverly Place

The committee discussed rental inspection and disposable equipment.

Acting Administrator Report- Ms. Doran

Taylor/Vose- Co-Lab

Ms. Doran discussed the Taylor/Vose residential unit updates and detailed the South Orange community center space. The official name is The Co-Lab of South Orange. Ms. Doran further explained the management terms, construction and vendor space. In response to Trustee Greenberg, Ms. Doran stated that there would be a presentation to the PLED and then a presentation to the full BOT.



Merida- 4th & Valley

Ms. Doran has been in contact with the developer in regard to the timeline of when the construction will be completed. The construction is moving along. The committee discussed types of residential units. In response to Trustee Greenberg, Mr. Cutreneo will send to the committee a breakdown of the units after the meeting.

270-299 Irvington Avenue

There is no update at this time.

Valley St.Storage Platform

Mr. Grenci and Ms. Doran updated the committee on the progress of the construction. Code Enforcement has been conducting inspections on the site.

South Orange Downtown Report- Ms. Hodge

Ms. Hodge reported on the following:

- Memorial Day Weekend Kick- Off: Downtown After Sundown
- Village Plaza Triagle project celebration
- Famer Market opening

Ms. Hodge added that they are including more events within the market to highlight local business.

- Pride Under the Stars Event
- Undercover Music Festival
- Downtown on Display

Ms. Hodge discussed how "Downtown on Display" is a series of curated events to highlight specific businesses in the downtown.

- Fall Fesitival
- SODT Fashion Show planning
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies: Osteria Del Corso and Neighbors Wine Shop

Coming Soon

Just Tacos- 6 Village Plaza

Botanical Boutique- 70 Taylor Place

Little Brain Lab- 76 South Orange Avenue(Valley St. Entrance)

Jack & Daughters - 132 South Orange Avenue



Once the event season has slowed down, Ms. Hodge discussed updating inventory, contacts, available space list, preliminary beautification projects and ambient lighting in the downtown district.

New Business

Short Term Rentals

There were no updates discussed.

Cannabis Update

Ms. Doran updated the committee on Cannabis Licenses. As of right now, the village has three viable candidates; Cannaboy Treehouse, Lushly and Garden State of Mind . The cannabis working group comprised of the Administrator, Village Clerk and Village Attorney are currently working on the municipal license issuance. The committee discussed state license issuance, the location of the cannabis businesses and the municipal application process.

2023 Planning Accomplishments + Goals

Mr. Cutroneo shared the 2023 goals and priority list with the committee to review and will discuss at the next meeting.

Old Business

102-108 Prospect/ 111 Milligan place: Pre- Application Meeting Review

Ms. Patras detailed the pre-application meeting with JESPY House for 102-108 Prospect and 111 Milligan Place. The Pre- Application meetings are a preliminary review of a project before applying to the Planning Board or Zoning Board. After the meeting with JESPY House for preliminary comment and planning review, memorandums were issued for both properties. The memorandum detailed variances, affordable housing requirements and jurisdictional items. Ms. Patras stated there are no further updates.

River Greenway Planning Study

Ms. Patras informed the committee that there is a meeting call scheduled for later today to further discuss the study. The River Greenway committee has planned to present at the upcoming Board of Trustee meeting in July. Ms. Patras further explained that this study is to determine how the Greenway can connect to the downtown. Ms. Patras discussed funding resources and timing of the study. Ms. Doran detailed Maplewood's progress with connecting the greenway.



SOEC Memo 2023

The South Orange Environment Commission provided the zoning office with comments regarding the revision of the zoning ordinance, such as imperious coverage, examinations and tree protection. There is further action taken.

Parking Ordinance Review

Mr. Cutreneo briefed the committee on the current status of the parking ordinance review. As it stands, the village uses the state's minimum requirements for parking spaces. A draft ordinance was circulated to the village professionals. In response to Trustee Greenberg, Mr. Cutreneo stated that the only item that could be modified was the design standards. Ms. Patras discussed examples of design modifications. The committee discussed minimum parking requirements for new businesses. At next month's meeting, Ms. Patras will be discussing tree requirements and best practices. In response to Trustee Lewis-Chang, Ms. Patras discussed the enforcement recommendations given by the village engineer.

ADU Promotional Marketing

There was no discussion on ADU Promotional Marketing.

HPC Revision

There was no discussion on HPC Revision.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting Date

July 18, 2023

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary