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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 8:30 AM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Bob Zuckerman
Trustee Summer Jones
Trustee Braynard Brown
Anthony Greci, Construction Official
Julie Doran, Deputy Administrator
Melissa Hodge, S.O. Downtown Executive Director
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Also in Attendance

Justin Cutroneo
William Kurzenberger
Marc Lincer

Approval of Minutes

The committee will approve the meeting minutes at the next meeting.

November 9, 2021

December 14, 2021

Reports

Code Enforcement Report- Mr. Greci

Mr. Greci reported on the following :

- Fee Schedule
- Landmark project update (Village Hall)

In response to Trustee Jones, Mr. Greci will get more information regarding the new restaurant opening on Ward & Irvington. The Committee discussed the policy



of having the same type of businesses in the same vicinity. Mrs. Patras stated that there is no policy specifically addressing this topic, but detailed how use permits and zoning are used in certain circumstances.

Deputy Administrator Report- Ms. Doran

Ms. Doran briefly updated the committee on 167 N. Ridgewood Road. Due to the community's attention, there is a page on the village website dedicated to this project status. The village administrator had a meeting with the developer last week to discuss a plan to move forward. The developer will be going back to the Planning Board and updates will be made to the web page.

In response to Trustee Zuckerman, Mrs. Patras stated that it is only after formal litigation can a municipality ban a developer. Mrs. Patras will follow up with the Planning Board attorney.

South Orange Downtown Report- Ms. Hodge

Ms. Hodge reported a few awnings are now installed and have now opened the facade grant program to all businesses in the district. Currently, Executive Director Hodge is planning for Black History month and a "how to open a business" guide.

Old Business

Update on Parking Ordinance

The ordinance will be on for adoption at the February 14th Board of Trustees. Once passed it will go before the Planning Board for Master Plan consistency.

Cannabis Task Force

Trustee Zuckerman stated that the introduction of the ordinance will be at the next Board of Trustee meeting on January 24th and a presentation will be made on February 14th. The committee discussed cultivation and manufacturing in the B# zone and outreach to the Academy Heights Neighborhood Association.

Master Plan

The Planning Board has adopted the Master Plan and Trustee Zuckerman discussed how the next step is to implement the Master Plan. Mr. Kurzenberger shared and detailed with the committee the implementation Matrix. The implementation matrix is a breakdown of recommendations contained within the Master Plan. This table outlines resources, cost, staff time.

NPP-Application- Irvington Avenue



The responses from the 698 Survey are currently being reviewed and presentations will be sent out to the Seton Village partners. Once approved, the presentation will be shared with the Board of Trustees.

Accessory Dwelling Units Discussion

Ms. Patras shared examples of accessory dwelling units based off of previous meeting discussions. Discussion ensued regarding basements, cellars and possible walkout basements. The committee decided to allow a walkout basement and not the underground. Mr. Patras stated the next step is to draft an ordinance and review it at the next Planning and Economic Development meeting.

Next Meeting Date

February 15, 2022

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary