

MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 6-16-16

The meeting was held at 7 pm in the Leland Center. Present were Dedun Ingram and Craig Brooks, co-chairs; Pat Burda, Tom Collins, Kathy Flaxman, Rod Henderer, Eric Murtagh, Mona Sarfaty, Stuart Sessions, Deborah Vollmer; and Barney Rush, Council liaison.

Barney was introduced as the new Council liaison. He indicated that he had been briefed on the new stormwater management and sediment control ordinance. A round of introductions was made.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as circulated.

Floating zones. The LUC floating zone report was distributed to the Town Council for the June meeting and a brief presentation on floating zones was made at the Council meeting. It was well received. More work remains including a public presentation, preferably part of a general Town meeting about the Bethesda Sector Plan. Barney said that the Council is particularly concerned with the issue of floating zone creep.

Curb cuts. A draft ordinance to strengthen the Town's control of curb cuts was tabled at the May Council meeting so that a more thorough analysis of alternatives could be done. The LUC will take on this task, reporting its findings back to the Bethesda Sector Plan Committee and the Council.

Stormwater management and sediment control ordinance: The Committee briefed Barney on the history of the draft stormwater and sediment control ordinance and on its current status.

Current status of ordinance -- The changes to the draft ordinance that were requested by the state have been completed. We are seeking Council approval to resubmit the revised draft to the State for review. This resubmission which hopefully will result in state approval does not commit the Town to adopt the draft ordinance, simply moves the draft ordinance forward to the Council work session stage. The LUC would like to put this on the Council's July agenda. Moving the draft ordinance forward in a timely manner is important because in addition to state approval of the Town's ordinance and executive regulations, the state also requires a sediment control license. The deadline for submission of the license application is October 31, 2016. We need to find out if the Town can apply for the license even if the State has not yet given final approval for the ordinance. We need to find out more from the state about coordination of the license and administering the ordinance.

Barney asked that a one-page summary of the reasons for recommending that the Town have its own stormwater management and sediment control ordinance, rather than relying on the County's be prepared for the Council.

Future tasks: Members were asked to put together thoughts about tasks LUC could work on next year for discussion at the LUC's July meeting.

The July committee meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday, July 26th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.