

## MEETING OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE 1-9-2020 (for December)

The meeting was called for 7 pm and met in the Lawton Center All-Purpose Room because the Town Hall was in use. Present were Lees Hartman, chair; Tom Collins, Kathy Flaxman, Rod Henderer, Dedun Ingram, Eric Murtagh, Sarah Runge, Stuart Sessions; Kirk Renaud, Town Council; Mayor Barney Rush, Council liaison; and Town residents Jane Root and Samer Korkor.

Minutes of the December 5th (November) meeting were accepted as circulated.

There were no public comments.

Zimmerman Park: Mayor Rush gave a summary of the Zimmerman Park decisions made at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. The Council unanimously approved a contract for an engineering survey of Zimmerman Park and a contract for a landscape architect to develop a landscape master plan for a multi-use space in Zimmerman Park. That space would include:

- Improved drainage and turf for the open lawn area at the northern end of the park;
- A natural children's play area, located between the new garden and the open lawn area;
- An attractive fence to enclose some portion of the lawn area, protecting children and pets from East West Highway and Maple Avenue;
- An occasional (frequency to be determined) off-leash dog exercise area with a temporary fence to fully enclose the lawn area;
- A dense vegetative buffer on the hillside below East West Highway, designed to obscure the road and traffic from the park and nearby homes;
- Benches, tables and walkways.

To solicit community feedback on the multiuse concept for Zimmerman Park, two town residents met with the Committee. One resident represented a coalition of dog owners within the Town and the other represented residents living near Zimmerman Park. The two provided the Committee with their thoughts on the proposed multi-use space at the Park.

ADUs & Additions to Houses with Nonconforming Side Setbacks: The next meeting, the last Thursday in January, will focus on additions to houses with nonconforming side setbacks. The Committee will also discuss some secondary issues regarding setbacks for detached Accessory Dwelling Units. The Committee's recommendations for both topics need to be finalized in advance of the February Council meeting. The Council is planning a work session prior to its regular meeting. The Committee's recommendations regarding regulations for detached ADUs will be one of the topics at the work session.

The next LUC meeting will be Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.