

MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 1-17-2017

The meeting was called for 7 pm in the Town Hall. Present were Dedun Ingram and Craig Brooks, co-chairs; Tom Collins, Rod Henderer, Eric Murtagh, and Stuart Sessions. Kathy Flaxman and Council liaison Barney Rush were unable to attend.

Stormwater Ordinance. Dave Walton and Dedun Ingram attended the January 9 meeting of the Montgomery County Soil Conservation District to answer questions about the Town's stormwater management program and its request to handle sediment control.

Design Guidelines: Dedun, Rod, and Eric met with county planning staff on January 6 to discuss development of the design guidelines that will accompany the Bethesda Downtown Plan and to express interest in collaborating with that effort. The planning staff is reviewing design guidelines used by other communities and cities and shared a list of those resources. Planning staff said that the guidelines would be developed over the next several months, but not finalized until after the County Council approves the Bethesda Downtown Plan, so that they will reflect the Plan. They will be reviewed by the Planning Board at that point for approval.

LUC committee members have begun reviewing the resources shared with us by planning staff looking for items pertaining to impacts of development on adjacent residential communities. We will compile an annotated list of potential guidelines with references to other communities that have implemented them.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.