

MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 5-23-2019

The meeting was held at 7 pm in the Town Hall. Present were Dedun Ingram and Lees Hartman, co-chairs; Tom Collins, Rod Henderer, Council Liaison Barney Rush & Council Member Kirk Renaud.

Minutes of the April 25 LUC meeting were approved as circulated.

Zimmerman Park Concept Drawings: The Committee discuss the possibility of a 3rd concept drawing for Zimmerman Park. The design for this drawing would include a fence around a to-be-determined portion of the north east end of the park. The fenced area would be available for dual use as a dog exercise area and general recreational area. On a very limited basis, once or twice a week during specific hours, dog owners and their pets would be able to use the fenced area. Most of the time the fenced area would be off limits to dogs and would be available for general recreational use. The Committee discussed the positives and negatives of the dual use fenced area. There was concern that it would be difficult to control the hours when dogs would use the fenced area. Council Member Renaud left the meeting following the discussion of Zimmerman Park.

Floating Zones: The Committee discussed floating zones and the fact that the Town authority is limited to regulating single family residences. The Town would need to seek additional authority from the State legislature in order to regulate buildings other than single-family residences on properties rezoned using floating zones.

ADUs: The Committee discussed the emails that the Town received in response to the Town Crier message requesting comments on the County Council's plan to adopt new rules for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The Town had received six emails. Most expressed concern regarding the relaxation of the restrictions on the creation of ADUs. Several encourage the Town to explore implementing regulations specific to ADUs.

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:00 pm.