

MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 11-8-2018

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

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Dog Exercise Area: There was a discussion about adding some evaluation criteria to the 28 already in place and slightly modifying the scoring. Discussion also focused on the features of some sites. Eric Murtagh noted that dogs are explicitly allowed on the grounds of the Bethesda Elementary School, though they are supposed to be kept leashed.

Prior to the LUC meeting, committee members rated the nine sites under review for a dog exercise area (DEA) using the 28 evaluation criteria presented and discussed at its October meeting. These ratings had been compiled in a spreadsheet for each site. The intent was to go through the criteria for each site, discuss differing ratings, and reach a consensus on each and then score the site using those ratings. However, it was suggested that a more efficient approach would be to average the ratings for each criterion and use the average ratings to score each site.

Given the discussion about site features, members were asked to review the ratings they had submitted for each site and send any revisions to Lees Hartman, who would then compute the average ratings and the site scores.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 13.