



BUILDING, ZONING, & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Chairperson Durkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson Durkin, Councilor Danilak, and Councilor Golden
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor Boutcher and Councilor Marlowe
- **Others present:** Vice-President Bunker, Manager Locke, and Public Works & Code Director Frank
- **Others absent:** Mayor Foley and Assistant Manager Bashore

Public Comment

- **Sarah Turowski, 130 Walnut Street:** Ms. Turowski appeared before the Committee in order to discuss hosting Borough Day in order to commemorate the Borough's 140 year anniversary in 2014. Ms. Turowski stated that she would like to host the event on Sunday, December 7, 2014. The Committee stated that Ms. Turowski could begin planning and the Borough would participate and recognize the event. Chairperson Durkin and Councilor Golden recommended that Ms. Turowski coordinate this event with Steve Spindler of the Jenkintown Community Alliance, Rec. Board, and Borough Council. Ms. Turowski will organize a group to formulate recommendations, activities, and a budget for the event. Ms. Turowski stated that she will keep the Committee informed of her progress.

Presentation

- **Jeff Lustig - Facade Grant Application:** Mr. Lustig appeared before the Committee in order to present his three (3) facade grant applications to the Committee. The proposed projects were for 224 York Road, 222 York Road, and 210 York Road. The Committee discussed the possibility of performing restoration work on 301 York Road as it was determined that this facade was in need of repair. Mr. Lustig stated that this building had been previously approved, but there is difficulty in moving it forward since it is under a condominium agreement/co-ownership and not all parties wished to participate. Mr. Lustig agreed to return to the building owners of 301 York Road and have them agree to accept the facade grant. This will allow for a building most in need to be repaired and is also highly visible in the Borough.

Manager Locke will meet with Mr. Lustig and report back to the Committee at its February meeting.

Reports

- **Jenkintown Planning Commission:** There was no report provided.
- **Design Review Board:** There was no report provided.
- **Director of Codes & Zoning:** Manager Locke provided a written report with the monthly meeting materials. Manager Locke stated that the 600 Greenwood Ave. project was withdrawn and the 8.57 EDUs originally allocated to this project have been transferred into the non-project specific pool for use in future development. The one (1) EDU originally allocated to the Goldberg subdivision has not been used. Manager Locke stated he will be discussing the possibility of returning that one (1) EDU to the unallocated pool for use in future development. This matter will be discussed with the property owner and the Borough Solicitor.

Old Business

- **Property Maintenance Initiative:** Manager Locke stated that the Borough is beginning notification property owners in the 2014 paving program for sidewalk and curb maintenance. Code Director Frank described a program that will be beginning in the Borough in which a survey would be done to evaluate sidewalks and inform property owners in need of repairs.
- **EDU – Filing status, procedures, and remaining allocations:** Manager Locke stated that there are 18.82 EDUs remaining in the Borough's pool.
- **Lindy Management - Proposed addition of second dumpster (recycling):** Manager Locke reported that Lindy Management is preparing a sketch/plan of the dumpster enclosure. This will enclose both the existing dumpster and the proposed recycling dumpster. Chairperson Durkin asked an update be provided at the February Committee meeting due to the sensitive location of the dumpster to Town Square.
- **600/602 Greenwood Ave. Project:** Manager Locke reported that the demolition has been completed and the stormwater plan has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer. The review letter has been forwarded to the property owner for revisions. Manager Locke stated that the EAC will meet with Glanzmann on January 17 and this information will be brought to the Committee.

New Business

- **2014 Paving Project**
 - **Sidewalk & Curb Progress Report:** Manager Locke reported that the letters to announce the 2014 paving project have been mailed out. The 2014 paving project will include West Ave. (from Walnut St. to Florence Ave.) and Myrtle Ave. The letters explained the work and the upcoming inspections that would be completed by the end of January.

- **January Recognition Awards:** The Committee reviewed the proposed list of businesses to receive Recognition Awards in January and discussed future businesses to be added to the list of recipients. The Committee recommended recognizing Images Hair Studio and Edelman's Coins at the January meeting of Borough Council. Chairperson Durkin requested that the Committee bring forward recommendations for businesses to be recognized in 2014 to the February Committee meeting.
- **Proposed Ordinance - Amendments to Shade Tree Commission:** The Committee reviewed proposed Ordinance #2014-2, proposing changes to the Shade Tree Commission. Proposed revisions to the ordinance language were outlined by the Committee. Manager Locke stated that he would provide the Borough Solicitor with the revised language to have the requested changes made. The Committee named Councilor Danilak as the "Council Liaison" to the Borough Shade Tree Commission.

ACTION: On motion of Councilor Danilak, seconded by Councilor Golden, the motion recommending the advertisement of proposed Ordinance #2012-2 with the proposed revisions passed unanimously.

- **Argana Tree Restaurant - Proposed Vestibule:** Manager Locke reported that an artist rendition was submitted for review by the Committee. The rendition showed a temporary vestibule for the purpose of keeping out the cold in front of the Argana Tree Restaurant. The Committee noted several issues with the design and it was recommended that the plan be resubmitted to reflect the needed changes that would make it compliant.

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson Durkin, seconded by Councilor Danilak, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.