

Town of University Park
Report of Meeting
Development Overview Committee

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
7:40 p.m.
Conference Room
University Park Town Hall
6724 Baltimore Avenue

In Attendance: Sarah Starrett, Committee Member; Arlene Christiansen, Committee Member; Joe Thompson, Council Member, Ward 1 and Committee Member; John Tabori, Committee Member; Corey Tucker, Committee Member; Brad Hess, Council Member, Ward 3 and Committee Member; Len Carey, Mayor and *ex officio* Committee Member; Roy Alvarez, Council Member, Ward 7 and Committee Chair

Also in Attendance: Dana Shea, Stream Committee Chair

Absent: Colin Phillips, Committee Member (excused)

Agenda

1. Establish Meeting Time and Dates for 2015

The Committee agreed to meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

2. Reports on Status of Current Area Development

Cafritz

Bridge:

- Concern was expressed that issues with the bridge are still not completely solved.
- The Board of Public Works has not transferred the land to the County.
- It appears that part of the delay is a concern by the University of Maryland to get compensation from the County in return for giving the land to the County. It is also suspected that the University has not been able to get the County to agree to the terms that they feel are necessary.

Stormwater:

- When Baltimore Avenue is repaved, it was recommended that the Town inform the State Highway Administration that something needs to be done to correct the crown, right past Underwood, in order to keep the storm water on separate sides of the road.
- It is also recommended that the Town request State Highway Administration to have Cafritz put drains on the University Park side of Baltimore Avenue which would tie into the drains that are installed on the Cafritz side of Baltimore Avenue. This request is related to the current problem of water not properly entering the drain at Baltimore Avenue and Van Buren Street.
- The Court of Special Appeals case challenging the zoning of the Cafritz property has been denied.

Safeway:

- A concern was expressed about stormwater management implementation. After checking the plans, it appears that they have installed the necessary water retention. Dana Shea will investigate this further.

Hotel at UMD:

- The Planning Board is scheduled to begin hearings on February 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. However, since the architects may need more time to lower the height of the building because of FAA regulations, this meeting may be postponed.

Kiplinger: (no update)

7-Eleven: (no update)

Prince George's Plaza TDDP: (no update)

3. Decide if the Committee should extend another invitation to Chad Williams, Project Manager for the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulation Rewrite to discuss the project.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that a meeting be held concerning the Zoning Rewrite and to invite Mr. Derick Berlage and Mr. Chad Williams to give a presentation at which Council and other Town Residents can make comments and ask questions.

- The Committee should come to the meeting/presentation informed and with specific issues in order to help focus the discussion.

Ms. Arlene Christiansen and Mr. John Tabori agreed to be leaders of the PG County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulation Rewrite.

Listening Sessions for the Zoning Rewrite are scheduled for January 27, 28, 29, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:07 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall