



Minutes

Planning Commission April 8th 2020, via Jitsi Meet 5 PM

Present: David Miltenberger, Jerilyn Virden, Kent Hansen, Christine Armstrong, Linda Romans

Absent: Ellen Celnik

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approve March's Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by David Miltenberger, seconded by Jerilyn Virden.

Greater Greensboro Task Forces Update

- **Wastewater Infrastructure Task Force:** Dan (via Carol)
The task force is in the process of identifying consultants, and will have finalists next month. Next step will be to request an RFP.
- **Walking/Biking Paths Task Force:** Jerilyn/Ellen
Nothing new to report.
- **Lake Water Quality Task Force:** Christine
There will be a presentation at end of June by the expert on water quality in oligotrophic lakes. They are also tentatively planning septic social this summer, and a talk in the Bend about water quality - Lakewise program, to help lakeside homeowners to improve water quality. They're hoping to target 8 properties between Eligo and Caspian that have identified a need, and the homeowner is interested in making improvements. There will be a homeowner pay / grant match project. Emily Erwin will write a grant to do a watershed inventory to identify areas that could be improved related to the streams and rivers dumping into the lake
- **Broadband Connectivity Task Force:** Carol
The select board is slated to appoint Carol Fairbank as CUD board member, with Mary Metcalf serving as alternate. The first meeting of the CUD will take place in May. Spark is working with the Connected Greensboro task force, VCRD, and a third party engineer to make free wifi available in the area surrounding the church. The goal is to reach the beach and the green where the farmers' market is held.

Bylaw Assessment Teams Update

- **Lakeshore District Issues / Rental Management Ordinance:** Christine and David



It makes sense to delay changes to bylaws or any work around rentals due to current COVID crisis, since rentals aren't currently allowed. Still planning to present to the Select Board in May.

Housing Committee Update: Kent

The committee is prioritizing projects, Dan is working on GIS mapping, but NVDA closed on March 18 due to the COVID crisis. Maps will help the committee understand what might be available to reduce zoning from 10 to 5, and possibly identify properties that could be retrofitted into multi-unit dwellings. They are still trying to get info from Habitat for Humanity, but the Saint Johnsbury group doesn't build anymore. They'll be meeting with Lamoille Housing to see if there's a partnership opportunity. Most tax incentives require 25+ units, which eliminates Greensboro, but may provide an opportunity to work with Hardwick.

Bend Revitalization: No update.

Greensboro COVID-19 Response Plan: Carol and Christine provided a brief update of GSERT activities. Town health officers are disseminating critical information via posters, letters, FPF, and communications that are available at Willey's by the gas pumps. A help line has been established to connect residents with support services, grocery delivery, referrals. A postcard was sent with relevant info to every household in Greensboro and Stannard, and a phone tree has been set up to reach out to residents who might not be online.

New business: No new business.

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be May 13, 2020, and will be held online.

A motion was made by David Miltenberger to adjourn at 5:51, and was seconded by Kent Hansen.