

## **MINUTES FOR GARRETT HILL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR FEB. 27, 2008**

**The Garrett Hill Steering Committee (GHSC) met on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the United Methodist Church at 930 Conestoga Road in Rosemont, PA for a meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm.**

Present were Chair Rick Barker, Vice Chair Phil Ahr, and Committee members Le Turner, Betty Lou Norcini, and Nancy Leinwand. Secretary Cunilio and Committee member O'Connor arrived later in the meeting. Committee members Rick Eulo and Bob Adams were not in attendance. Members of the public were present.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Barker at 7:10 pm.

### **Adopting the Agenda**

Ahr moved to adopt the Agenda as submitted and the motion was seconded. No discussion was held and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Approving Minutes**

Rick Barker read the minutes of the February 18, 2008 meeting aloud. Ahr made a motion to approve the minutes, Turner seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously. Barker read the minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting aloud. Minor amendments were made. Norcini noted that in the meeting she had requested that during the month of developing the master plan, the planners update the committee by e-mail on Thursdays, in advance of our regular Tuesday meeting and that the planners had agreed to do so. Ahr moved to approve the minutes as amended by Norcini, Turner seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Report of Officers**

No reports.

## **Report of Working Groups**

Beverlee Barnes gave a 15 minute talk on the possibility of seeking a historical designation of some type for the Garrett Hill neighborhood

## **Unfinished Business**

Marian Hull began a review of the prioritization workshop. She asked committee members for additional comments and suggestions that they had collected from the community or thought of themselves.

Hull reviewed the relative ranking of the improvements. She counted the dots, dollars vs. the relative cost of improvement to rank the public interest. The rankings fell into three groups, based upon ranking:

High priority:

Park improvement; Gateways; Spillway beautification

Middle Priority:

Village Center/Conestoga Road improvements; Garrett Avenue improvements; Existing SEPTA station improvements

Low Priority:

Construction new SEPTA station

Hull noted that she has started an outline for the master plan – a bullet point list:

- Background
- Contract
- Existing conditions
- Planning process
- Vision and guiding principles

Two parts to the plan going forward:

1. Policy recommendations:

Land use – to conserve the community fabric, scale – general guidelines for policy basis

Protection of parks as open space

Development of parking solutions

General preservation of scale

Stormwater management

2. Community investment:

Plan for implementation, staging and phasing of tasks

Hull sees four separate GH sections: Garrett Avenue, Conestoga Road, Radnor Business Campus, and the parks. The policies and neighborhood divisions lead into the zoning considerations.

Committee discussion on the proposal to create a loop for access to north bound Garrett Avenue . Consensus to leave the loop out of the master plan proposal.

Committee discussion on the building of a new Route 100 station on Conestoga Road east of the Radnor Business Campus along the spillway followed. Consensus not to include this in the master plan.

Hull stated that it would be helpful, given the compacted time frame of the Project Schedule, specifically the short time span between the Zoning Workshop and the schedule to draft the overlay, for the GHSC consider lengthening the Project Schedule by one or two weeks. Committee discussion. Consensus that the Project Schedule be lengthened by two weeks. GHSC will seek approval from Radnor Township and the Delaware Valley Planning Commission to extend the Project Schedule by two weeks.

### **Public discussion**

Public discussion was held. Expression of thanks were noted to Marty Costello for his encouragement in the creation of what later became the Garrett Hill Coalition (GHC), to Jan Armon in providing his home for the first meeting of what became the GHC, and Hull, Campbell and Barkers in shepherding the master plan process thus far in an extremely compacted time frame.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn, it was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Cunilio, GHSC Secretary