

A preliminary meeting was held with members of the Garrett Hill Steering Committee and Radnor Township on November 14, 2007. Present at the meeting were: Dave Bashore, Township Manager, Matt Baumann, Planning Manager, Rick Barker, Betty Lou Norcini, Jaime Richmond, Jerry O'Connor, Jim Cunilio, Leroy Turner, Patti Barker, John Fisher and Lou Marchesani.

Highlights from the preliminary discussion:

- 1) The Garrett Hill Steering Committee (GHSC) will be comprised of the seven (7) representatives elected by the Garrett Hill community.
- 2) The Implementation Committee has decided to step aside for the Garrett Hill Overlay District (GHOD) planning process. All work related to the GHOD will be done by the GHSC.
- 3) The GHSC will hold monthly meetings at the Township Building. These meetings will be telecast on Channels 10 and 30 and will be open to the public as are all GHSC meetings. The Implementation Committee meetings will also be telecast in the future. Dates and times for all meetings will be announced and also available online.
- 4) The purpose of the GHSC with regard to working with the Township is to:
 - a) Identify the boundaries of the Garrett Hill Overlay District.
 - b) Review current zoning and subdivision/land development regulations' impact on the District.
 - c) Develop an understanding of the collective vision of the Garrett Hill community along with goals and objectives to achieve this vision.
 - d) Draft amendments to Township zoning, subdivision and land development and other ordinances in order to implement the goals and objectives.
- 5) The GHSC will report directly to the Board of Commissioners through the Township Manager Dave Bashore.
- 6) Matt Baumann, Planning Manager, will be our primary Township liaison. Other Township staff and the Implementation Committee will be available to support the GHSC upon request.

- 7) The Township provided to the GHSC and to the GHC Officers copies of the five (5) proposals submitted by Planners. They are now reviewing these proposals.
- 8) Township Staff, with input from GHSC, will recommend a planning consultant to be hired by the Board of Commissioners at their 12/10 or 12/17 meeting.
- 9) The Township recognized the need and agreed to collaborate with the GHSC on modifying the RFP and the contract to hire the Planner. The existing RFP and contract do not reflect the present situation. Changes to contracts are a routine aspect of the process. The GHSC will work directly with Matt Baumann regarding contract modification.
- 10) The Township acknowledged the GHOD process is not tied to any specific Comprehensive Plan Recommended Actions. Recommended Actions will not be marketed with the goal of having the GH community embrace them with resolve.
- 11) Matt Baumann spoke with the DVRPC. He stated that requesting and receiving an extension of the current grant would likely be problematic. Essentially, we would have to re-apply, as any money unspent by June 30, 2008 would revert back to the DVRPC.

Assuming the DVRPC timeline holds firm, the following dates would apply:

11/26/07: Board of Commissioners announces members of GHSC and tentative GH planning process.

11/27 – 12/9/07: GHSC works with Township to recommend hiring of GHOD planning consultant.

12/10 or 12/17/07: BOC authorizes hiring of planning consultant.

1/08 – 3/08: GHC Vision developed and presented.

4/08: Amendment drafts to ordinances (zoning/land development, etc.) circulated to Board for comment and review.

4/28/08: Board refers amendment drafts to Planning Commission, Implementation Committee and other boards for review.

5/27/08: Board holds public hearing on amendments

6/23/08: Board adopts amendments

There is a lot for the GHSC to accomplish over the next seven (7) months. Please contact the GHSC if you have any questions. We can be reached via the community mailbox on www.savegarrethill.org, or through your block captains.