

MINUTES FOR GARRETT HILL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR JAN. 31, 2008

The Garrett Hill Steering Committee (GHSC) met on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at the United Methodist Church at 9:30 Conestoga Road in Rosemont, PA for its weekly meeting.

Present were Committee members Rick Barker, Phil Ahr, Jim Cunilio, Betty Lou Norcini, Le Turner, Jerry O'Connor, Bob Adams, and Nancy Leinwand. Several members of the public were present and Jim Campbell of Campbell Thomas appeared later in the meeting.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by temporary Chair Barker at 7:16 pm.

Adopting the Agenda

Barker moved to amend the agenda to move up the discussion of the Stakeholder meetings as well as the report from the working groups. O'Connor moved to have the election of the new chair and vice chair after the approval of the Minutes. Both of these motions were seconded and carried unanimously without discussion.

Approving Minutes

The minutes of the January 15, 2008 Kick Off Meeting/GHSC meeting had been e-mailed by Secretary Cunilio and Barker had made amendments to same. There was discussion on whether the public participation part of the Minutes should be extensive and the consensus was that this should be left in. There was discussion whether the length of the presentation by Marion Hull and Jim Campbell should be mentioned and the consensus that the Minutes should state that these two individuals gave "an extensive presentation regarding the process, goals and objectives of developing the Garrett Hill Master Plan". It was moved to approve the amended Minutes as reflected in Barkers amendments and from the Committee discussion, it was seconded and approved unanimously.

Norcini submitted minutes from the GHSC meeting of January 22, 2008 and several amendments were discussed. It was moved to approve the amended Minutes, this motion was seconded and the amended Minutes were approved unanimously.

Voting of Election of Officers

O'Connor moved to nominate Barker as the Chair of the GHSC and the motion was seconded. No other member was nominated and there was no public discussion. Barker was elected as Chair unanimously.

O'Connor moved to nominate Ahr as Vice Chair of the GHSC and the motion was seconded. Ahr moved to nominate Eulo as the Vice Chair of the GHSC and this motion was seconded. After brief discussion a secret ballad was held and Ahr was elected Vice Chair of the GHSC.

Report of Officers

None

Report of Working Groups

O'Connor of Zoning had nothing to report.

Leinwand of Media reported the efforts of maintaining a Garrett Hill Coalition website. There was a discussion whether or not the minutes of the GHSC, which already appear on the GHSC page of the Radnor Township website, should also be included in the GHSC website once it is set up. There was consensus that the GHSC minutes should also appear on the GHSC website.

Adams of Environmental and Community Enhancement had nothing to report.

It was reported that the next GHSC meeting would be on February 5, 2008 at 7 pm and that Marion Hull and Jim Campbell would attend as per the URS scope of services.

There was a discussion about the R1A zoning classification, which could be used to prevent contiguous lots from being developed by the common owner. There was consensus that Matt Baumann should be asked to come to a GHSC meeting to explain how this can be done and this should be done at the same meeting that Hull and Campbell are in attendance. Cunilio agreed to send an email requesting Baumann to do this and the email would be sent to Barker who will then send it to Baumann.

Turner of Boundaries had nothing to report.

Norcini from Visioning discussed her contacts with Steve Bajus of the Implementation Committee (IC). She asked Mr. Bajus if it would be possible for the Implementation Committee and the GHSC to meet together and Mr. Bajus said that Matt Baumann would have to set this up. Norcini reported that her contact with Mr. Bajus has been interrupted recently. She now only has indirect contact with him via his secretary, whereas before she had direct contact. Public discussion on the extent of involvement that the GHSC should have with the IC. Consensus that there are areas such as storm water management that the IC could enlighten the GHSC. Norcini will research the area of expertise of each IC member, but has already been informed that the IC will only meet with the GHSC as an entire committee, not individually. Further discussion was held and consensus was reached to postpone any meetings with the IC until a later date.

Stake Holder Interviews

Discussions from various members as well as Jim Campbell about the Stakeholder interviews. Barker asked Campbell if the Stakeholder interviews were on track with providing him and Hull with useful and necessary information and Campbell stated that they had. Other members gave their impressions of the interviews.

Public Discussion

There was discussion on how Garrett Hill developed and the fact that there were shacks and shanties in Garrett Hill in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Campbell said that he would e-mail in PDF form a 1913 tract called "Housing Conditions in Main Line Towns" by Marion Boswarth.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm and this was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
James Cunilio,
GHSC Secretary