

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of April 20, 2009

Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry McEwen, Co-chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Lane, Business Assoc
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Woodring, Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Hemphill, TT&P
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Haak, LUPZC	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking Foundation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean McCoubrey, LUPZC	<input type="checkbox"/> Joanne Dhody, Aesthetics
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Cove, Historical Society AC	<input type="checkbox"/> Ned Mitinger, VP Physical

Others Attending

Larry Chapman, Community member Eileen Jacobs, CHCA Board member
Melissa Nash, recorder

Larry McEwen opened the meeting at 7:35. Larry McEwen explained how the committee works. Eileen Jacobs asked how and who needs to go to committees. L McEwen gave a brief overview.

DVRPC Phase II Update

•Report: John Haak presented a status report on the DVRPC “Mobilize to Thrive” study. Stage I is complete and is available on the Commission’s website. Conversations are being held with various persons of interest to help determine how additional dollars should be spent – focus on which improvements, phasing of improvements, and how to “sell” the projects to obtain funding. As the DRC brings various groups together, it is tailor-made for this interested parties job. Some phase II projects include: re-vamping transportation schedules, re-writing the “Green b\Book”, looking at design guidelines with an eye toward the City’s re-writing of the zoning code. A walk around Germantown Avenue is scheduled for Thursday April 30 (originally scheduled for today) with a lighting consultant. Greg Woodring noted that the lighting in Mt. Airy is overdone, very bright. Lighting and security were discussed Lighting should not be the only method of security. Lighting is for pedestrians, for orientation and to enhance the sense of place. The walk will start at 8pm at the bottom of the Hill to view the new lighting. Patricia Cove asked who would make the final decision about a plan for the Avenue. The City and the BID would approve; the BID would e responsible for maintenance of improvements. L McEwen asked that the walkers be informed that the DRC will coordinate the Phase II efforts. A discussion followed about basic conflicts among the BID, Business Association and the Community Association. The process of getting things done is complex and enforcement is lax. E Jacobs asked how a new business would know how to get the process started.

Willow Grove Avenue Bridge

Report: Tom Hemphill that a 2013 start for the replacement of the West Willow Grove Avenue SEPTA bridge. The City will seek community reaction to the design. The bridge is anticipated to look like the SEPTA bridge on East Evergreen Avenue. It is a sturdy but not beautiful design. L McEwen suggested that railroad bridges by looked at. It was asked who owns and maintains the pedestrian bridge on West Hartwell Lane. SEPTA is responsible. Lack of lighting contributes to undesirable activities at the bridge.

Magarity Property

Informal Report: Magarity building will be restored to its 1940’s appearance, and then it will be leased. The site will include residential use. The property is mixed R5/C2 zoning.

Adjournment

•The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.