

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2015

Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry McEwen, Co-Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	CH Business Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Landis, Co-Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	TT&P
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Haak, LUPZC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Keintz, CH Parking Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ned Mitinger, LUPZC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Romano, Streetscape Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patricia Cove, HDAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry McEwen, VP Physical Division
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Will Detweiler, CHCA President

Others Attending

Ryan Rosenbaum, new CHCA Executive Director

Celeste Hardester, CHCA Community Manager (leaving)

Melissa Nash, recorder

Larry McEwen, co-chair, opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. There are no action items in this meeting's agenda. He asked if there would be a motion to approve the minutes for the October meeting. The motion was made and seconded. The minutes were approved. L McEwen presented a brief overview of the process for incoming Executive Director Ryan Rosenbaum.

7912-14 Ardleigh Street Update

•Report: It was noted that this has been a messy issue. The building/permitting process was unusual as it was an emergency site. The exterior stairs are a problem. There is a hearing scheduled for December. Work is being done on the design of the stairs. The committees support the two units. New drawings will be presented.

210 E. Evergreen Avenue Front Yard Parking Update

•Report: As an overview explanation for Ryan Rosenbaum, L McEwen explained that the committees are opposed to new curb cuts for three reasons: they occur at odd intervals breaking up the flow of the sidewalk and street, they pose a safety issue for pedestrians, and they are a negative aesthetic intrusion. In addition, cars do not always clear the sidewalk. The ZBA countered the recommendation of the CHCA. Counsel was hired for an appeal. A transcript of the ZBA deliberations would be useful, as would a meeting with the ZBA. Fences are an issue as well as curb cuts and parking. Work stoppage on the site would cost \$10,00 to \$15,000, so this has not been done.

Ardleigh Street Wall at Jenks School

•Discussion: There is a traffic jam at drop-off and pick-up times. A project for creating an emergency entrance/exit off Ardleigh Street has been released. The plan would include a recess for dumpster storage. While the ramp is proposed for emergency vehicle access, it is thought the upper level might also be used for faculty parking. It seems this may be done as-of-right. The principal is a CHCA Board member. The project should go through a Section 106 review if federal funds are being used. P Cove suggested that the School District be asked to come to a meeting to present the project. Celeste Hardester said that a meeting with the contractor might also be helpful. Mark Keintz suggested that a subcommittee meet quietly with the contractor. It does seem that someone from the City is needed to facilitate a meeting. The name of the architect might be found on the drawings; the principal has a set of drawings. It was noted that the wall was not built for the school,

but that it pre-dates the school. L McEwen suggested calling before this month's Board meeting. Joseph Kehoe of the SDP needs to be made aware of the history of the wall.

E. Bells Mills Road

- Update: L McEwen will email Darren Gatti about the status of E. Bells Mill Road. Some history of the street was provided for R Rosenbaum.

Hospital Parking Lot Off Norwood Avenue

- Report: The CEO of the Hospital was asked about the parking lot and the easements relating to the adjoining property. There appears to be no permit for the lot.

8405-8407 Germantown Avenue

- Report: The walkway between Hobe Gallery and Snowden's building is under a property disagreement. There are rumors of a fence to be installed down the center of the walkway.

101 West Gravers Lane

- Report: There is no update on the status of the lot splits.

Ardleigh Street Townhouses

- Report: L McEwen will call JB Harrington, owner of the house adjacent to the new townhouses. He is having some problems with his house. There are also issues of potential parking in the front yard; this should require an application for a variance.

CHCA and ZBA

- Discussion: There should be a meeting to discuss the apparent rift between the ZBA and the CHCA.

Street/Water Department Projects

- Discussion: Terrible traffic problems have arisen due to the Streets and Water Department work on the west side. There is too much work going on at the moment.

Women's Exchange Building (Chestnut Hill Community Centre), 8419 Germantown Avenue

- Discussion: The acquisition was presented at the last Board meeting. The building would provide a more obvious public presence than current Town Hall. It was asked whether a timeline had been established for its acquisition and use.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.