

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of July 18, 2017

Members Present

 Larry McEwen, Co-chair
✓ John Landis, Co-Chair
✓ Cynthia Brey, LUPZC
 Brad Flamm, LUPZC
 Patricia Cove, HDAC

✓ Amanda Yoder, Business Assn.
 TT&P
✓ Mark Keintz, Parking Foundation
✓ John Romano Streetscape Committee
 Bob Rossman, VP Physical
 Laura Lucas, CHCA President

Others Attending

Billy Lauinger, owner 14 E. Gravers Lane
Patrick Jones, Cindy Bass's office
Celeste Hardester
Melissa Nash, recorder

The meeting was opened by John Landis, co-chair, at 7:35pm. It was expected that a representative from Streets would attend to discuss the parking changes on East Willow Grove.

Variance for Fence at 14 E. Gravers Lane

•Presentation: Billy Lauinger, the owner of 14 E Gravers Lane, presented. He attended the July LUPZC about his overheight fence. The project was supported by the committee. The low picket fence in the front yard will remain as will the rear fence. There is currently a 6' fence starting at the front of the house and going to a masonry wall in the back. They want a taller fence as workers from Rollers, Campbell's and Fiesta can look over the fence into the house and into the backyard where the children play. They want to replace the 6' fence with a 7' solid fence with a 1' lattice topping, built in redwood. B Lauinger has spoken to neighbors and sent out required letters, It was suggested that he have approval letters from the businesses.

•Committee/Audience Comments: Cynthia Brey noted that the LUPZC approved the request for a variance unanimously, citing issues of privacy and commercial activity. It was moved that the LUPZC recommend the DRC support the request for a variance for a fence that will be 7' tall with an additional 1' lattice. This approval is granted, recognizing that the abutting commercial space creates an unusual privacy issue. The motion was seconded. Discussion included not setting a precedent for other fence variances. The motion was passed unanimously. The project will go to the Board on July 27. After passing the Board a letter will go to the ZBA and to B Lauinger.

Committee Business

•Minutes/Business: The committee approved both the March and June minutes. Celeste Hardester distributed graphs and info researched by a member of the Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition that showed the distribution of ZBA decisions over recent years. C Hardester also asked about the fence statement. J Landis suggested meeting with realtors.

•Chestnut Hill Firehouse: The final presentation will be held at the next DRC meeting. Amanda Yoder asked about the status of the firehouse, which was then briefly reviewed to bring everyone up to date.

- Parking on East Willow Grove Ave: (No rep from Streets was present.) Patrick Jones spoke about the issue of switching parking in the 400 block from the north side to the south side. The majority of street parking in this block is used by apartment residents who need to cross Willow Grove. Some of those parking block residential driveways. Residents need to approve the move. The road needs to be restriped. It was asked if this move would encourage speeding and if there were any safety concerns. There appeared to be none.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.