**MCLEAN PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Monthly Meeting**

**September 20, 2023 7:00 pm**

**MEETING MINUTES\* (Meeting conducted at MCC and via Zoom)**

**Call to Order at 7:12 PM** Tom Passarelli convened the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes** The July and August draft minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** Sharon Gamble reported a balance of $3,780.80 in CD and $455.47 in checking account. No expenditures made since the August meeting.

**Supervisor’s Report**

* Urban Design Guidelines approved by BOS. Mars and Astoria hearings are upcoming. Both come before the BOS Public Hearing on 10/24.

**MRC Report**

* No report.

**Ongoing Matters**

* Giant Redevelopment.
  + Rich Salopek reported that the Applicant resubmitted its site plan over the summer and County staff has indicated it is now under review.
* Astoria
  + Sharon Gamble reported there will now be a second entrance to the site, with the addition of one on Old Dominion. There will be a drop-off area inside the building envelope.
  + The Applicant has addressed concerns about access from only Elm Street, about construction traffic/parking plan, and about walkway safety.
* Mars Presentation
  + Dennis addressed the rain garden being right alongside the sidewalk. He suggested that in speaking with Connie Fan, she suggested – and he agreed - that it was an unattractive design.
  + Winnie reported for the subcommittee. The plan aligns with the Comp Plan. The building is much shorter than it could be. The applicant has coordinated its public open space with the Astoria to the east. The applicant has changed the Elm Street frontage to include benches. The applicant has moved its garage wall away from the eastern property line. She moved that the subcommittee report be accepted as written. Maya Huber seconded the motion, and discussion ensued.
  + Dennis offered a friendly amendment which was restated by Rich Salopek as follows: Under the ‘stormwater retention facilities’ bullet:
    - “Rain garden landscaping should be designed as predominantly vegetative for all seasons.”
    - The amendment was accepted by Winnie as a friendly.
  + McLean Professional Park –
    - Paul Kohlenberger reported that the subcommittee has not met with the Applicant.

**New Matters/Announcements**

* Paul Kohlenberger mentioned the potential CBC transportation pilot project about which the FCDOT was initiating a study. Tom Passarelli will see about getting a County briefing at a future meeting.
* Dennis had a meeting with one of the BOS candidates and discussed the importance of the MPC.

**Next Meeting**: The next meeting will be October 18, 2023 (starting at 7pm).

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Directors:**

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| **MCA** | **SCA** | **GMCC** | **CL** |
| **Sharon Gamble (T)** | **Winnie Pizzano (VP)** | **Paul Kohlenberger (S)** | **Tom Passarelli (P)** |
|  |  | **Alan Edwards** | **Hans Schmidt** |
|  | **Jim O’Looney** | **Dennis Findley** |  |
| **Maya Huber** | **Craig Bennett** |  | **Chris Zumot** |

**Alternates:**

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|  | **Kathleen Wysocki** | **Ann Seaman** |  |
|  | Steve Comer |  |  |
| **Steve DelBianco** |  |  |  |

Guests:

April Georgelas

Ben Wiles – Dranesville Supervisor’s Office

**End of Meeting Minutes\*.**

*\*Minutes prepared by Paul Kohlenberger.*