

MINUTES
Planning and Development Committee
6:00 PM, Wednesday December 2, 2009
Council Chambers

Attendees: Andre Cushing, Chairman
Matt Arnett
Jean Lawlis
Janet Hughes
William Shakespeare

Staff: Bob Osborne

1. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2009 Meeting

The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting as printed.

2. Old Business:

a. Draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Update

Staff updated the Committee on the Draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board had returned an "ought-to-pass" recommendation at their November 18, 2009 meeting to the full Council. He indicated the full Council would likely refer this item for public hearing in January, 2010 at their December 7, 2009 meeting. The Committee had received the revisions that the Planning Board Ordinance Committee had recommended the full Planning Board.

Action: The Planning and Development Committee took no action on this item.

b. Zoning Ordinance Sign Provisions Discussion

Based on the action taken at a previous meeting:

Action: Chairman Cushing recommended that this topic be further developed by staff for a future meeting.

Staff discussed provisions of *Zoning Ordinance, Article 4.8 Signs* with the Committee as they relate to small and/or temporary signs such as tradesman signs, real estate signs, posting signs, etc. and noted that although such signs are found in 4.8.3 Permitted Signs Not Requiring a Permit such signs are still apparently subject to sign setback requirements and other criteria. Staff provided some potential amendments to the sign ordinance to cover some changes to this area of the ordinance.

Action: None taken at this time.

c. Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Animal Definitions

Staff discussed the Zoning Ordinance Definitions of animals other than usual household pets and animals as usual household pets and noted that these had been vetted by Tom Russell.

Action: The committee voted 4 in favor and 1 against a motion to return this item to the Council with a recommendation that it send the item to the Planning Board for a public hearing.

d. Public Ways Ordinance Amendment: Street Acceptance

Staff indicated that this item is ready to move forward at this time.

Action: The committee voted unanimously to send this item to the full Council with a recommendation to hold a public hearing.

3. Other Business:

There were no public comments.

4. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

6. Committee Member Comments:

The Committee discussed the fact that December 16, 2009 was not going to work for some members and suggested that there would not be another meeting until January.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Osborne, Town Planner