

Indian Head Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Indian Head Pavilion
January 20, 2015

Michael Pellegrino called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Members in attendance:

Michael Pellegrino, Chairman
Warren Bowie
Wayne Higdon
Emery Nauden, Base Rep
Richard Parks, Zoning Administrator
Andrea Brady, Clerk

Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2014 – Michael Pellegrino requested a motion to accept the November 18th minutes as presented. Warren Bowie made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Wayne Higdon seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance: TCMX Overlay Zone – The Commission discussed the TCMX Overlay/TND Zone. The consensus was that the overlay/TND zone was not needed. TCMX zoning provides a great amount of flexibility for developers. Previously the Commission had mentioned requiring a commercial element to all TCMX development. At this time the Commission has agreed to not make the commercial element a requirement but make it an incentive that would allow developers an increase in density if they include a commercial element in their development. Richard Parks will review the TND section of the ordinance and pick items he feels should be included in TCMX zoning for the Commissions review at the February meeting. The Commission reviewed suggested changes to the sign section of the ordinance and agreed to move forward with the previously suggested changes. The Commission briefly touched on the topic of urban chickens. Emery Nauden shared his prior work experience with the topic. Vice Mayor Rice shared information on potential annexations for the Town in the future as well as Mr. Hodge's input that the Town will need to develop an informational packet to help sell the Town to interested developers. The Commission discussed the Town's waste water treatment plan and the potential for the Town to work in conjunction with the Base. Emery Nauden will look into what the Base facilities excess capacity is and what company runs the plant. Nr. Nauden suggested the Town may want to bring up their interest in working with the base at one of the JLUS meetings. Vice Mayor Rice mentioned that the old CVS building has a sign in the window stating the building is under new ownership and renovations are coming.

Chairman Pellegrino shared information on an upcoming conference, the 14th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth, Practical Tools and Innovative Strategies for Creating Great Communities. The conference will be held January 29 – 31 in Baltimore.

Meeting Time/Date - The Commission agreed to move the date of future meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Wayne Higdon made a motion to change the date of the Planning Commission meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Warren Bowie seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Town Updates – Vice Mayor Rice reported that the Maryland Department of Transportation/ State Highway Administration have reinstated the Town's funds for the Boardwalk project. The procurement package is currently at MDOT for review/approval. Richard Parks mentioned that the new owners of the Parran property inquired a couple of months ago about potentially using the area for a restaurant.

Michael Pellegrino entertained a motion to adjourn. Wayne Higdon made a motion to adjourn. Warren Bowie seconds the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by:


Andrea Brady
Town Clerk

3/18/15
Date