

GEORGETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 9, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Planning Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 in the Georgetown Town Hall, 404 6th Street. Chairperson Sarah Kaminski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Chairperson Sarah Kaminski, Vice Chairperson Paul Nisler, Commissioner Susan Romeo, and Alternate Member Kerry Ann McHugh. Commissioners Greg Sterett and Malcolm Schaefer were absent. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary/Town Clerk Merinel Williams.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Kaminski proposed to move the report from the traffic intern to first position on the agenda. Mr. Nisler moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Romeo seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS – None.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Status report from Traffic Intern Sharif Jawad

Traffic intern Sharif Jawad presented the results of his research regarding traffic flow/parking options in the downtown area. He presented the advantages and disadvantages of three concepts, and asked that the Commission select one to become the focus of his remaining time. Concept one was to continue to study engineering criteria for a one-way loop street (Brownell, 6th, Griffith, 7th). The second concept was to institute a shuttle service. The third concept was to abandon the project. The Commission chose concept one, and agreed to meet with Mr. Sharif again on July 23 for a more detailed discussion of that option.

Approve final written recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding an application from Georgetown Lake LLC for vacation of those portions of Rose Street, 20th Street, and 21st Street within the Berry Trust land generally bounded by 22nd Street on the north, Argentine Street on the west, the Creek House Condominiums on the south, and the lagoon on the east

The Commission considered a written recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, drafted by Ms. Kaminski and intern Bethany Clark, regarding an application from Georgetown Lake LLC to vacate those portions of Rose, 20th and 21st Streets within the boundaries of the Berry Trust land. Ms. McHugh moved to adopt the recommendation as written. Mr. Nisler seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Discuss future work assignments for Land Use Intern Bethany Clark

The Commissioners and intern Bethany Clark discussed future assignments for her work related to the Georgetown Lake LLC's applications seeking approval of a development on the Berry Trust land by the lagoon.

It was agreed that Ms. Clark should proceed with drafting an outline of the PUD process, and research parking and traffic issues. The Commission will review her PUD process draft at the July 23 meeting.

Update on I-70 Transit and Land Use Study Project

Ms. McHugh reported that the next task of the study group will be to evaluate potential transit station locations based upon the I-70 Land Use/Transit Study Criteria based on CCS Core Values. The Commissioners agreed to discuss the criteria as it relates to potential Georgetown station locations at the July 23 meeting, which will be in advance of the next study group meeting.

Report on a legal seminar attended by Alternate Member Kerry Ann McHugh

Ms. McHugh reported on the legal seminar she recently attended, noting that the most significant issue being discussed in planning circles is renewable energy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. McHugh moved to approve the minutes of the June 18 and June 25, 2008 meetings as corrected. Ms. Romeo seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kaminski adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Sarah Kaminski, Chairperson

Merinel Williams, Town Clerk