

Hunter Mill District Land Use Advisory Committee Minutes June 15, 2010

Members Present: Steve Cerny (president), Sarah Newman (vice-president), Genaro Pedroarias (recorder), Ellice Stern, David Gibson, and Brain McMillan

Goldie Harrison was also present.

The meeting began at 7:37 PM.

New Committee Business

Continuing Presentation by Lynne Strobel on the Lohia Property on Beulah Road

- Ms. Strobel gave a brief summary of the proposed project to establish a child nursery, childcare center, and Montessori school on the premises
 - Ms. Strobel noted the proposed natural surroundings are to include a greenhouse and organic garden
 - There were a few questions raised concerning the number of parking spaces that are planned for and the amount of impermeable surface that will cover the property
- The issue of the sewer system not being connected to the main municipal lines as it is a septic system currently
 - Ms. Strobel commented that the current septic system will accommodate 77 persons
- There was a discussion on plumbing and sewer compliance
- Mr. Brain McMillan asked about neighbors' feedback to the proposed school – Ms. Strobel said it was all positive and good
- There was a motion to approve made by Mr. David Gibson, contingent upon Staff's final report
- The motion was seconded by Ms. Sarah Newman
- Motion passed unanimously

Continuing Discussion and Q&A on Stratton Woods Park with Patricia Rosen

- Ms. Stern asked about the significant opposition from residents that live near the park
- Mr. Steve Cerny asked about the history of the park and the evolution of the sports complexes
- A few Board members not present at the May 2010 meeting asked about the issue of lights on the athletic fields
- The Board decided to defer discussion till the Staff report is issued in July 2010

Presentation on the Hunter Mill Day School with Liz Potemra

- There was a talk on the basic background to the school
- The school's owner is seeking a special exemption to renovate some classrooms; remove some classrooms from the basement, and to add restrooms

- The application was accepted by Ms. Susan Lynn; the next Planning Commission meeting is July 8, 2010
- There was a question on the total square footage of both the current and planned facilities
- Ms. Potemra claims residents are supportive of the project
- Mr. Cerny took the role of case manager
- Discussion to be taken up after the Staff report is issued

Presentation on the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church by Pastor Rev. James Graham, Jr.

- The Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is seeking consolidation of multiple properties and the removal of a two-story abandoned structure
- Mr. Genaro Pedroarias asked about the purpose of the two-story structure
 - The historical commission approved its removal
 - It was a residence; now is a blight, dilapidated and condemned
- There was discussion on the historical significance of the structure
- Ms. Newman volunteered to be the case manager
- There was a motion to approve made, contingent on the Staff report
- Motion seconded by Mr. Brain McMillan
- Motion passed unanimously

Administrative Business

- Discussion on some upcoming cases
- Next meeting scheduled for July 20, 2010

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.