

ONEONTA, NEW YORK – MAY 22, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION PG. 1

PRESENT: Chair Dennis Finn
Commissioner Gary Herzig (Vice Chair)
Commissioner Becky Thomas
Commissioner Edmond Overbey
Commissioner Michelle Eastman
Council Member Maureen Hennessy
ABSENT: Commissioner Anna Tomaino
Commissioner Barry Holden

Chair Finn called the special meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Chair Finn stated the purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the Long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) submitted by Newman Development Corporation. He asked City Attorney Merzig to explain the process.

City Attorney Merzig stated the purpose of the meeting was to continue discussion of the Long EAF from the May 15th meeting. He stated the letter received from the NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) was received and have signed off on the project. He also stated that the 239 Review from the Otsego County Planning Department was still an outstanding item and he explained how the process would continue in light of various scenarios. City Attorney Merzig asked Mr. Ohman if there were any outstanding questions that arose since the last meeting.

Mr. Ohman stated there was one outstanding response related to Mr. Beattie's issue related to drainage. Mr. Ohman also stated that other issues were related to SHPO, which was now addressed with tereceipt of the letter; the sidewalk with SUNY Oneonta; the SWPPP comments, which were ok, and the Section 239 was outstanding.

City Attorney Merzig and Mr. Ohman began the review of the Long EAF related to Parts 2 and 3 for those issues that needed further clarification, as follows:

Item #1: Impact of Land: After review and discussion the item was deemed satisfactorily addressed in Part 3.

Item #5: Impact on Water: After review and discussion the item was deemed satisfactorily addressed in Part 3.

Item #6: Impact on Drainage/Surface Water Runoff: After review and discussion, the item was deemed satisfactorily addressed in Part 3.

Item # 11: Impact on Aesthetic Resources: A small to moderate impact was identified. Therefore, no explanation was needed in Part 3.

Item #12: Impact on Archaeological Resources: SHPO signed off and there was no impact identified.

Item #15: Impact on Transportation: Awaiting documentation from SUNY Oneonta regarding pedestrian travel ways. Deemed satisfactorily addressed pending receipt of documentation from SUNY Oneonta.

Item #17: Impact on Noise/Odor: After review and discussion, the item was deemed satisfactorily addressed in Part #3.

Item #19: Impact on Growth and Character of the Community: After review and discussion, the item was deemed satisfactorily addressed in Part #3.

Item #20: Likely to be Public Controversy Related to Potential Adverse Impacts: After review and discussion, the item was deemed satisfactorily addressed in Part #3.

The commission expressed satisfaction with how the EAF was filled out. City Attorney explained the next steps. He stated the commission would determine a Positive or Negative Declaration and then vote on the site plan. Pending receipt of the information from the County Planning Office, those decisions could be made at the May 29th meeting.

The commission stated that the Special Use Permit for 61 Elm Street would also be considered at that meeting.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chair Finn adjourned the special meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

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