

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Bolton
Mr. Dodson
Ms. Evans
Mr. Garrison
Mr. Khan
Mr. Petrick

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF

Renee Burton
Lisa Jones
Shanika Williams
Clarke Whitfield

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Garrison at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Kenneth Gillie, Director of Community Development, stated I just want to take the time to introduce Renee Burton who has been selected as the new City Planning Division Director. So, she will be the person who has replaced Mr. Plachcinski. You will see her at a lot of meetings and managing the comp plan and all the other things planning related. As you know, Renee has been a long-time City employee and then she left to do some consulting work for the City, but she is now back full time. So, I just wanted to take a minute to introduce her and tell her good luck.

Mr. Garrison stated thank you Mr. Gillie. It has been a while since we had a meeting too. Ms. Burton welcome.

Ms. Burton stated thank you.

ITEM FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Special Use Permit Application PZ22-00178 Philip W. Winstead has requested a Special Use Permit to operate a childcare facility at 3090 N Main Street (Parcel #59958) in accordance with Article 3.J.C. Item 4 of the Zoning Code.

Mr. Garrison opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Philip Winstead, representing St. Luke's United Methodist Church, stated as you know, Danville used to be a city of churches. Now, we are a city of church buildings. Every church in Danville, not just St. Luke's, is looking for ways to utilize fine facilities. We have a beautiful facility, and we are planning to have a nice based childcare facility in our building. If that does not work out, it will not be there. I promise you. We are for the good of the people in the city and I hope it will work out for you, me, and everybody else. Any questions you have, I would be glad to answer.

Mr. Bolton stated other than normal landlord tenant relationships will the church be involved in the operation, the running, or anything, or are you just a landlord in there?

Mr. Winstead stated we are going to actually be just a landlord, but we are, right now, we're in negotiations with Just Kids who has been operating in the city for, I think, thirty plus years and they're also a Christian-based organization and we have not signed any paperwork, but that's what we're looking for.

Mr. Garrison closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Bolton made a motion to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application PZ22-00178 as submitted. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an 7-0 vote.

IV. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Burton stated first, I would like to take this time and it gives me the pleasure to introduce everyone to Ms. Shanika Williams. She is our associate planner within our department. So, if you see her, and have any questions.

Ms. Williams stated thank you.

Ms. Burton stated this time we all met last week with the consultants for the comprehensive plan update. So, we are getting that back on track. We are waiting to receive a scope of work from them and a new timeline and once I get that information, I will deliver it to the commission members so that you will be aware of that. There was a separate grant for resiliency that we had the opportunity for. We have received work back from them now that they have some additional information that is needed. So, we are working on that to return back to DCR the opportunities that we hope will add that to our comprehensive plan. Unless there are any other questions of the commissioners, that is all I have.

Mr. Garrison stated do you have any cases for next month yet?

Ms. Burton stated yes.

Mr. Garrison stated oh great. Two meetings in a row. Thank you.

Mr. Bolton stated do we have a replacement on the board yet?

Mr. Garrison stated we do not.

Ms. Burton stated we do not. Not at this time.

Mr. Garrison stated I checked that out just before I came in. It was originally on city council's work session for last week but that was pulled, because of some of them being away. We will hopefully have something within the next two weeks.

Mr. Clarke Whitfield, Attorney for the City of Danville, stated there is an appointment committee meeting prior to the next city council meeting and I am sure that is one of the vacancies that will be looked at and for recommendation to the city council.

Mr. Garrison stated they had four different things that they were recommended for on the work session. So, I am assuming they will do all of those and council should go ahead and approve those at their next meeting. So, hopefully that person will be sworn in and ready to go in November.

V. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2022.

The JUNE 13, 2022, minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

APPROVED