Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting
August 12, 2019

Subject to review and approval

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Present: Barbara Conrey, Ariane Kissam, Stephanie Smith, Kirby Keeton, Aaron Kisicki, Michael Miller.

Call to order by the Chair: The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Kirby Keeton.

Approval of the agenda: The agenda was deemed approved.

Comments from the Vice Chair: Kirby didn't have anything other than a new commissioner should be in place for the next meeting.

General business (comments from the public about something not on the agenda): There was nothing from the public.

Consider minutes from June 24, July 15 and July 29, 2019: July 15 doesn't need to be approved since it was a regular meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Barb made a motion to approve the minutes of June 24 and July 29, Stephanie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Hear proposal from Kate Stephenson for zoning boundary adjustment of VCFA parcel on Barre Street. Possible vote on whether this change is a substantial change to current zoning fixes: Kate from VCFA spoke about a parcel adjacent to Sabin's Pasture. The team that is working on it is in the conceptual design phase. They would like to do a bath house, affordable housing, and retail space in phases. The parcel covers 3 different zoning districts.

The parcel they want to place the bath house covers two districts. Mike had told them it wasn't a Planning Commission decision, it's for the City Council and they are on the agenda for Wednesday. The VCFA team wanted to let the Planning Commission know about it.

The bath house is more for hydrotherapy, with two pools at different temperatures, but not swimming pool size.

Jeff Rubin, a property owner to the west of the parcel, spoke about keeping the line where it is. Joe Castellano, a resident from Sabin Street, also spoke with concerns about changing the zoning and would also like to keep it the same.

Ariane made a motion to recommend to City Council to treat this request as a substantial change and if approved, to move forward with the process of amending the required report. Barb seconded. The motion was approved on a 4-1 vote, with Aaron dissenting.

Start discussion of boundary for the new design review district: The map that has the structures on it is available now. Mike will try to print bigger maps. Neighborhoods, designated downtown, and the National Register boundary. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. Mike will be on vacation for the next meeting, but he will have the maps prepared.

The Municipal Planning grants are due by the end of September.

Adjournment: Barb made a motion to adjourn, Aaron seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary