

PANTOPS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JAN. 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order by R.N. Hiss - Chair - and the proscribed County ordinance no. 20-A (16) announcement was read. The meeting was held via ZOOM.

Attendance was taken and a Quorum was confirmed. Committee member attendees were:

Dick Hiss, Ron Brownfield, Olivia Branch, Louis Lopez, Stephanie Lowenhaupt, Cal Morris, Brian Mason, Rob Neil, Sara Robinson, Michael Spatz, Ida Lee Wootten

Attendees representing the County were: Bea Kirtley, (BOS); Cameron Langille, Sr. Planner, Corey Clayborne, Planning Commission, Andy Reitelbach, Sr. Planner

Guests : Kelsey Schlein, (Shimp Engineering) representing the Overlook Hotel applicant

Chairman Hiss welcomed the Committee's newest member, Brian Mason

Minutes of the Committee meeting of 10/27/2020 were approved by voice vote.

The agenda request by Sara Robinson to address issues on Free Bridge Lane was postponed to the next meeting when the County traffic personnel could be in attendance.

Cameron Langille introduced the ZM220200013 Pantops Overlook Hotel zoning change request.

Item a. Albemarle County Community Development Department staff presentation :

Andy Reitelbach, Senior Planner, presented an in depth review of the application's status vs. the County regulations/requirements for the proposed property type/location and traffic flow pattern.

Kelsey Schlein, described the proposed hotel location via a property map and addressed Committee questions re vehicle access and egress via Rt. 250. Right turns only will be required for both. Committee members expressed concerns re west bound travelers down Rt. 250 would have to make a U-Turn past the property and proceed back up to enter the hotel. This is already a busy portion of the highway.

Ms.Schlein's presentation was assisted by the proposed developer/investor's description of the building structure, (4 stories), exterior façade appearance, amenities included in the structure, and the statement that the design would be entirely room suites, vs. individual rooms. The target clientele would include considerable extended stay occupants vs. single night guests.

The subject discussion was extensive and consumed most of the available meeting time. The meeting agenda was suspended to a future time.

Cameron Langille indicated that he would present an update on Community Development and Smart Scale projects status. Also, Sara Robinson's Free Bridge Lane issues, miscellaneous buildings on this street, and Richmond Rd. improvements will be scheduled when the County traffic engineers will be available to attend in person.

New Business: The County is requesting our Committee future meeting schedule. The fourth Monday of each month was selected by acclimation.

Chairman Hiss indicated that the present Committee membership of 12 was 2 short of a full compliment. Supervisor Kirtley indicated that she would address this issue.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45.

Respectively submitted by Chairman Hiss (acting Secretary) Additions/corrections are welcomed.