

**WDCA ZONING COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
JULY 9, 2019 – BMH BJ Synagogue**

Committee Present: Harvey Cohen, Chair- Called meeting to order 7:05PM
Ed & RaeAnn Lampert, Larry Leeman, Carlyn Parker, Paul Hoskins, Beverly Buck
WDCA Board: Marsha Badanes, Jane Lorimer, Jerry Shustrin. **Guests:** Steve Cown

Minutes 6/21

No changes were offered for 6/21 minutes.

Post Event Survey

A short survey was emailed to attendees of the 6/18/2019 City and Committee presentation. Of those 19 with email, 17 answered the survey. The survey intention is to test feelings about pursuing COD. At this stage, the sample is not a large enough to be considered valid. For future information meetings, this survey will be repeated with one correction to Q3. [Based on the information presented, would you like the WDCA to continue to pursue a COD?] For those who answer "no" or "Not sure yet", we will ask them to explain why.

ACTION: Jane will do a sweep of the 13 who answered "no" or "not sure yet" to find out why. Once this is completed, the surveys going forward will be considered "equal" in presentation and this small group can be included into the next samples.

General Discussion

Group had a general discussion about zoning codes as they are now, what might change, economics involved for developers and why or why not Winston Downs will become a developer target.

Council Involvements

Amanda Sawyer, Councilwoman-Elect District 5, was contacted regarding meeting with committee about COD. She replied she is not taking meetings until she is sworn in on July 23 and a meeting will be set once her calendar is available.

Harvey reported he had a conversation with Councilman Paul Kashmann, District 6 Office, regarding possible support and funding for the COD process. Kashmann advised that he prefers to follow Amanda's lead since he has plus/minus 90 homes of the 550 within our neighborhood. He also advised he has made no funding commitments at this point.

Neighborhood-wide Education Meetings

It was agreed that neighborhood-wide education meetings will be conducted and a USPS mailed notice will go out to every homeowner.

ACTION: Larry L will confirm location for July 30 and August 11 education meetings to which all neighbors will be invited to attend. July 30 meeting at 730PM and August 11 at 100PM
Notices will be mailed by WDCA. Envelopes have been ordered (printed with WDCA return address and mail merged homeowner addresses and "Important Meeting Notice" on front.)

Group discussed changes to the content of the June 18 meeting notice. Harvey will run these by WDCA Board president, Tim Rooney, so we can get notice out ASP.

Percent for Go/No Go

Group discussion about what would be acceptable survey percentage of those favoring a "go" on pursuing a COD. Group agreed that 60% must say "Yes" pursue.

Committee Participation Guidelines

Group agreed that committee participation is important and missing several consecutive meetings hinders progress. Harvey will reach out to some who have not attended regularly to learn if a different meeting time would support participation better.

Meeting adjourned at 830P
Notes taken/submitted by Jane Lorimer

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ADDENDUM

From: awbarbour@aol.com

Subject: Re: Zoning Meeting

Date: July 9, 2019 at 4:04:00 PM MDT

To: paul_hoskinsengineering@comcast.net, hcohen5055@comcast.net, leeman21@comcast.net, carlynparker@comcast.net, qtessler@me.com, johnwolz@funhogg.com, hertzberglaw@gmail.com, brbuck@me.com, elampert@4edisp.net, ejq197@gmail.com

All,

As I look back over the months since February when I first brought the idea of a COD for our neighborhood to the WDCA board, all I see is an intentional stall by that board.

It wasn't hard to see that the new council will be far more liberal than the current council and our chances of getting 7 votes will be perhaps impossible.

What this new council will want will be apartments, duplexes, and triplexes in every neighborhood. Yes, I too, would like to believe that CPD does not see this happening, but they work for the council. They are not going to fall on their swords to save us.

At the last board meeting I brought a plan of action to get us to a full neighborhood vote two weeks after Labor Day. They refused to discuss it--even though it was essentially the same plan I had written up in what was handed out at the meeting at Cook Park Rec Center in May. Just changed the dates.

As I will not be attending tonight, I hope you are able to come to agreement on the plan. A WDCA newsletter with a pro and con, a meeting at BMH in late July, a meeting in late August, and the vote in mid-September.

It is important we get the neighborhood on board and the vote taken before we begin the NPI. The context and continuity of our neighborhood has nothing to do with Virginia Village and Virginia Vale. Those areas have already been infected by multi-family housing. We need to be on record as to what we demand out of the NPI. The "pro" position will be written by Larry, Carlyn, and me with not a word changed by the board.

And the pro will have all the details for each element that were floated early, but have been diluted by the board and Harvey.

Last night I had a call from a homeowner on the west side of our 'hood. He asked why he had not heard anymore about the COD and where was it? He is not the first to ask those questions of me.

No more stalling, or it's looking more and more like reforming the George Washington Home Owners Association makes sense. I am not alone in this view. Anne