

Planning Commission Meeting –November 2020 (Zoom meeting – Held November 24, 2020)

Attending: Planning Commission Crafton - Lydia Herring, Rich Kraemer, Kirsten Compitello, Colton Chandler, Eric Valcheff

Ingram Commissioners: Jim Marsilio, Greg Butler, Aaron Cygnarowicz

Two citizens present, Phil Levasseur (Crafton Council President) present

Call To Order: 7:03 PM

#### Citizen Comments

None

#### EPD Status/Update

We talked in October about probable funding in December from DCED for the MAP grant. It was further added that we thought we were to originally hear in late autumn. Crafton Planning Commission motioned for council to move forward with zoning ordinance revision work (EPD as consultant) regardless of DCED funding. Ingram Planning Commission has not yet made the same motion to recommend work proceed regardless of funding. Greg Butler (Ingram Planning Commission Chair) relayed to Ingram's Council President that this work is an investment in the future. Greg's impression is that the Ingram Council is not fully informed on what the zoning revisions will mean. Ingram may not oppose full funding of the zoning reform if Greg provides addition explanation of the community advantages of new Ingram zoning. Greg said that Ingram needs to schedule a separate Ingram Council meeting to discuss (e.g., executive session). Crafton Planning Commission members expressed willingness to help in any way we can.

#### Ingram Update and Next Year topics

Eco-District is a priority. We need to settle on dates for next year's meetings. Creation of a joint Ingram/Crafton Eco-Information brain dump document (e.g., shared google document) is necessary.

Topics for next year include: Talk about and explain Eco-Districts. Traffic Calming, Community Aesthetics, Low Cost, add an open streets event, Master Parks Plan.

The group agreed to continue meeting jointly on a quarterly basis on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the quarter at 6:30 pm. One exception: Q4 when the group will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of November instead.

#### Crafton Update

Crafton Planning Commission Chairwoman, Lydia Herring, relayed that Crafton Borough representatives visited Etna to learn about its status as an Eco-District. Etna relayed much of its funding came via 319 grants that helped in the revitalization of their Main Street. Greg Butler mentioned that there was a conversation with Gateway about new grants that will be available for greenspace and infrastructure

(MS4 Grants). It was also mentioned that Chartiers Creek Work and the trail grants were being researched.

Rich gave an explanation of the various sites and plans that were mentioned at the Crafton Borough meeting when the Master Park Plan was introduced.

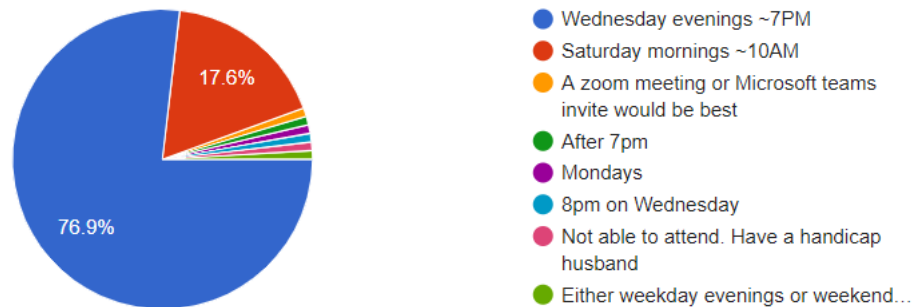
Kirsten talked about the multi-modal grant that Phil Levasseur was looking into.

Motion to approve August 2020, September 2020, and October 2020 meeting minutes was carried unanimously.

### Survey Takeaways – Crafton only

There were 95 responses to the survey posted on the Community Visioning webpage of the Crafton Borough website.

32% of people surveyed watch the Council Meetings and 73% read the newsletter, 90% like the way the workshops are presented while 70% agree that Wednesday Night at 7:00 is a good time for the workshops. It was mentioned that we may not be giving enough context to the workshops and also mentioned that we need to engage with the residents about the workshop format.



### Workshop 3 Takeaways – Crafton only

Planning Commission tried to be unbiased and guide the conversation on the contentious topic of the W. Steuben St. & S. Linden Ave Property. After reviewing the slides from the workshop takeaways document, it was decided to postpone a decision to issue the takeaways until December 2020. In the meantime, Crafton Planning Commission will work on additional comments and summary.

Workshop 4 target date was tentatively set for January 27 at 7 pm.

Phil Levasseur mentioned that the Multi-Modal paperwork was not submitted (this grant had been discussed at the October 2020 Crafton Planning Commission Meeting). There is work that needs to be done with the city. He then gave a brief presentation on the Crafton Boulevard project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM