

MEETING AGENDA FOR CRAFTON BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

April 27, 2021

6:30 PM via Zoom

Crafton Commissioners: Kirsten Compitello (Chairwoman), Richard Kraemer (Secretary), Lydia Herring, Colton Chandler, Eric Valcheff

- I. Call to order
 - a. 6:40
- II. Roll call
 - a. Rich isn't here, couldn't make it tonight, everyone else is.
- III. Citizen comments
 - a. No citizen comments
- IV. Crafton Borough Planning Commission Updates
 - a. DCED MAP Grant Status
 - i. Lydia has spearheaded, we did not get selected for this, flood plan applications had their day, for good reason. We are in good standing, they will review us automatically next round. Nick Macareth at DCED is the contact. If we were to proceed with the project, we could be reimbursed out of the grant. Fiscal year July 1 - June 30.
 - ii. Kirsten suggests we might still encourage the boro to proceed without the grant since they have expressed an interest in moving forward even without the funds. Lydia motions and Valcheff seconds to move forward in July of 2021 with the commencement of the work (the EPD extension letter is only valid through July 1 in order to secure rates etc. without additional extensions and otherwise administrative burden.) Remotioned and re voted, we are clearly stating that we should move forward with the work post-haste, but start in July so we can get the potential for reimbursement later should we win the DCED grant at a later date (2021-22 SY).
 - b. Update from Council about construction impact on brick streets
 - i. Formal acknowledgement of Wozniak for the April 22, 2021 submission on the brick streets, and the boro council for already being mindful of the brick preservation considerations.
 - ii. General discussion on bricks, consensus was that they are a good thing, save as much as possible and consider the Total Cost of Ownership. (as opposed to simply paving.)
 - iii. Planning commission will serve as an organizer for the various assets, (meetings, resources, presentations, etc.) in a google folder for now.
 - c. Update about Vision document
 - i. Kirsten stressed the need to add information and resources to the planning vision doc to re-enforce the TCO value proposition, not to mention the traffic calming properties.
 1. Sample resource from 2019 council budgeting
 - a. <https://www.como.gov/community-development/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2015/09/brickstreetsFAQ.pdf>
 - ii. Colton to connect Kirsten to (maybe Mt. Lebo etc) group vested in brick preservation.
 - iii. Kirsten suggests that we embed the Linden info into the presentation doc as an example to use the visioning doc as a linking/re-direct for the various assets we have created
 1. Kirsten and Valcheff will take a first pass for the re-draft Crafton Vision_LivingDocument
 - d. Crafton newsletter

- i. Space is available! They need it by Thursday. Lydia draft copy, valcheff will deliver Survey by Thursday

Community Workshops

The Planning Commission has been holding a series of collaborative public workshops that started in the fall of 2020 and will continue in 2021. Past workshops have covered a range of topics including current initiatives, community visioning, development opportunities, and an information session on Eco-Districts. All past workshops and information about upcoming workshops can be viewed here: <https://www.craftonborough.com/community-visioning>. Workshops are held via Zoom. Join us to learn more about what is happening in the borough and to share your ideas on how to shape the future of Crafton!

[add image of community visioning document or GIS community feedback image]

New Survey Available focusing on Eco-Districts!

What time(s) are you available to attend workshops?

(Demographics)

Ideas for Eco-Districts Survey Questions:

Are you aware of the [community visioning process](#)

Are you aware of the [Comprehensive Plan](#)

Have you attended a previous workshop?

If yes, _____?

Are you interested in learning more about Eco-Districts?

ii.

- V. Ecodistrict Webinar discussion
 - a. General discussion around the benefits/
 - b. Ecodistrict Webinar Outline
- VI. Review of March Minutes
 - a. Rich will send round the last minutes at some point soon, he couldn't make it tonight
- VII. Citizen comments
 - a. none
- VIII. FIN 7:59