Planning Commission Meeting – August 2019

Attending: Planning Commission - Lydia Herring, Rich Kraemer, Kirsten Compitello, Ashley McCullough

Call To Order: 7:06 PM

Passing of Previous minutes

June and July minutes passed with corrections to PAT to Port Authority and a few other minor corrections.

Borough Updates

RJ explained what was decided on South Grandview Brick road vs. asphalt costs. She gave an update on the other projects including Clearview and other project reimbursements. She then talked about the lot across from the Elementary school on Crafton Blvd. and working with the city to install tanks. It was mentioned that this may affect our sewer grants. A suggestion was made to let the to allow the Crafton businesses to use the lot. Kirsten asked about the storm water fees. RJ said we can levy the fees with our own management of water. It was stated that the demolition of 1654 Crafton Blvd. was being planned.

Planning Priorities

Lydia asked that we set our priorities basing them on the Comprehensive Plan actionable items.

RJ mentioned that the BEAT committee was up and running again. She mentioned ECO-Redevelopment projects were being listed but not yet addressed. She said the budget drafting was coming up and needed to know what the borough needed to address.

Crafton Pop Up Update

Kirsten and Lydia gave updates on the upcoming pop up event. Lydia said the logistics were being locked down. Kirsten was in the process of listing materials needed and what needed to be assigned to whom. Ashley asked about the new Crafton Logo and are we creating merchandise. RJ and Lydia said we could look at selling at the library, D&O, and also add to the website. As a side website conversation, RJ asked if we use a third party. For the Pop Up Ashley and Lydia agreed we need to keep talking about this but purchase some items.

Business Identification Updates

Lydia stated we now have data from Turnkey. All stated that we have not yet started reviewing the data except Lydia who has stated and has added a spreadsheet for everyone to access and update RJ stated that once this is complete that the Borough would be looking into wrapping software around this to make it more easily updated going forward. Lydia stresses to continue work on this.

Zoning RFP Updates

RJ gave updates on the search for a firm to do the Zoning Update. See passed out handouts to explain this process and gave a general overview of the process to everyone.

Lydia and RJ with Council president will lead the interview process committee. The two out-of-town firms will be interviewed in the next week or so. The local firm will be interviewed after these two. This process will go into 2020/2021. They will do extensive interviewing. Please submit any questions you would like asked to RJ.

Kirsten mentioned that HRG was not focused on form-based but focused more on engineering more than the others. She then asked about Michael Baker because they are a local firm and did not respond. She suggested asking each what type of coding do they think would best fit Crafton. RJ again said these were the only 4 firms to respond. There was mention from some of these about T-O-D.

Lydia asked that we watch the Webinar we were to discuss and watch from home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM