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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 04-2022
Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

The City of Rockville Planning Commission convened in regular session
via WebEx at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 23, 2022

PRESENT

Suzan Pitman - Chair

Andrea Nuñez Sam Pearson
John Tyner, II

Present: Nicholas Dumais, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning
John Foreman, Development Services Manager
Nelson Ortiz, Principal Planner

Chair Pitman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., noting that the meeting is being conducted virtually by WebEx due to the coronavirus pandemic. Rockville City Hall is closed until further notice to reduce the spread of the virus, based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and state and local officials.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Ownership Plat Application PLT2019-00579, for Re-Approval of an Ownership Plat for 15 Townhouse Lots and One Common Area Lot in the PD-KF (Planned Development – King Farm) Zone at 801 King Farm Boulevard, as an Amendment to the Approved Ownership Plat; Seven Irvington Centre, LLC, Applicant**
- B. Ownership Plat Application PLT219-00580, for Re-Approval of an Ownership Plat for 29 Townhouse Lots and One Common Area Lot in the PD-KF (Planned Development – King Farm) Zone at 801 King Farm Boulevard, Eight Irvington Centre Associates, LLC, Applicant**

Mr. Wasilak introduced consent items A & B, noting that they were included on the consent agenda based on previous direction of the Planning Commission. He explained that the re-approval of such applications was necessitated by a new project builder for the development, who was requesting minor changes to the site design and also the lot layout on both plats.

Commissioner Nuñez made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Commissioner Tyner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

II. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice about meeting procedures

Commissioner Pearson made a motion for the Planning Commission to go into closed session in order to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice about meeting procedures. Commissioner Tyner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. The Planning Commission then went into closed session at approximately 7:04pm.

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chair Pitman reconvened the meeting of the Planning Commission at approximately 7:50pm.

IV. COMMISSION ITEMS

A. **Staff Liaison Report** – Mr. Wasilak reported that the next meeting would be on March 9 in which the Commission would consider a Sectional Map Amendment for a historic designation of 500 Great Falls Road. Mr. Wasilak added that staff would like to present and have a discussion on a proposal for potential parkland dedication and how the city might achieve additional parkland through development at the following meeting on March 23. He added that the Mayor and Council has sought input from several of the Boards and Commissions and such input would be relayed back to the Mayor and Council for their consideration.

B. **Old Business** – Commissioner Tyner requested that staff provide a printed copy of the Comprehensive Plan matrix so that the matrix is available in a more readable format. Mr. Wasilak indicated that printed copies of the matrix would be provided to the Commission.

Chair Pitman indicated that the Commission had received correspondence from former Commissioner David Hill regarding newest Rockville's sister city and the naming of future public roadways in the King Buick project. He requested that the Commission consult with Nancy Pickard of Peerless Rockville to identify important figures with connections to the King Farm area which might be suitable names to include and reflect the diversity of the area. Commissioner Tyner responded that Ms. Pickard had assisted in previous street naming efforts, notably in town center and other areas. Mr. Wasilak added that typically the street names are included on the record plats for the newly formed streets so such names would need to be provided to the developers of the project prior submitting plats to the Commission for approval.

C. **New Business** – None.

Minutes Approval– Chair Pitman asked if there were any changes needed to the draft minutes of the Commission's January 26, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to approve the January 26, 2022 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyner. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

E. FYI/Correspondence –Mr. Wasilak noted that the Mayor and Council was still considering a possible return to in person meetings, but noted that a final decision had not yet been made. He added that he would inform the Commission on any decisions made by the Mayor and Council.

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Commissioner Nuñez moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. James Wasilak". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

Commission Liaison