

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

DISTRICT 12 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 27, 2004 MINUTES

PRESENT: Beverly Miller, Acting Chair
Clary Kempton
Councillor Dawn Sloane

REGRETS: Heather Ternoway
Mia Rankin

STAFF: Angus Schaffenburg, Planner
Gail Harnish, Admin/PAC Coordinator
Sherrill Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed that the following matters be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee:

- Height Precincts in the Peninsula North and Centre
- Discussion of various methods of determining height
- O'Regan's Property - Potential Development and Planning Controls

MOVED by Mr. Kempton, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the agenda, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2004

Note was made the cover page indicates that Ms. Maureen Strickland was present at the meeting, when in fact, Ms. Strickland has resigned from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Kempton that the minutes, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Presentations to Committee by Members of the Public

- An e-mail dated August 4, 2004 from Barry Allen, Manager, Legal Services relating to the ability of Planning Advisory Committee to receive public input on planning matters.

Note was made that Mr. Allen's e-mail indicated that receiving public input was within the mandate of the Committee. A discussion ensued regarding the appropriate format for public input. Note was made that the Committee must guard against meetings becoming Public Information Meetings.

Mr. Schaffenburg, seeking to provide some direction, suggested that the Committee could receive written submissions relative to planning matters and seek clarification of the content of that submission. They could also receive presentations on general planning matters.

Ms. Miller commented that the general philosophy held by the Heritage Advisory Committee is that the Committee is representative of the public.

Following a further brief discussion, it was agreed that public participation be limited to scheduled public participation relative to new initiatives or general planning matters with a limit of two per meeting. In addition the Committee will provide an opportunity to the public to clarify matters relating to the items be dealt with by the Committee.

5. CASE 00572: AMENDMENT TO THE HALIFAX MPS - HEIGHT PRECINCTS, SOUTH END

- A staff report dated August 10, 2004 prepared for Paul Dunphy, Director of Planning and Development, was before the Committee for consideration.
- An e-mail dated September 27, 2004 from Heather Ternoway commenting on the matter was distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Schaffenburg briefly presented the August 10, 2004 staff report and responded to questions.

Following a brief discussion it was **MOVED by Mr. Kempton, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the District 12 Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Peninsula Community Council that:**

- 1. Regional Council give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law, as they apply to District 12, as contained in Attachments A and B of the August 10, 2004 staff report, and schedule a public hearing.**
- 2. Regional Council approve the amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in Attachments A and B of the August 10, 2004 staff report.**

In response to concerns from Committee members, Mr. Schaffenburg indicated that the height calculations would be included on the map.

Ms. Miller noting that as some future time the standardization of height calculation should be considered. She went on to request that staff investigate the merit of having the height calculated in the same manner for all of the zones.

Mr. Schaffenburg indicated that this would certainly impact property rights, and consequently is definitely an item to be dealt with separate from the matter before the Committee this evening.

Following a further short discussion, the **MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

6. STATUS UPDATES

6.1 Monthly Status Sheet

The Committee reviewed the status sheet.

Councillor Sloane, noting that there was a draft report relative to Case 00644, R-2A Zoning Review Church/Harvey Streets, requested an update in this regard.

No further action was taken with regard to the status sheets.

6.2 Decisions of Community

The Committee reviewed the decision of Community Council. No further action was taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS - None

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the District 12 PAC is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2004.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sherrill Murphy
Legislative Assistant

