PARTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREENSBORO PLANNING BOARD APRIL 19, 2017

The Greensboro Planning Board meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 4:08 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building. Board members present were: Marc Isaacson, Chair, Steve Allen, Richard Bryson, Day Atkins, Homer Wade, John Martin, Celia Parker, Danielle Brame. City staff present included, Steve Galanti, Hanna Cockburn, Sheila Stains-Ramp, Shayna Thiel, Lucas Carter, Russ Clegg, Sheila Curry, Caitlin Bowers, and Valerie Moore. Also present was Andrew Kelly, City Attorney's Office.

Public Hearing

STREET RENAMING: PL-(P) 17-08: TO RENAME A PORTION OF JOSEPH M. BRYAN BOULEVARD TO CORNERSTONE DRIVE (FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION)

Mr. Atkins asked that he be recused from this item. Mr. Atkins was recused by unanimous vote.

Sheila Curry stated that as part of the Future I-73 road construction, this portion of Joseph M. Bryan Boulevard will be disconnected from the remainder of Joseph M. Bryan Boulevard. Since this portion will no longer be connected to Joseph M. Bryan Boulevard, its name needs to be changed. The representatives of the Cornerstone Charter School, which is adjacent to the affected street, requested Cornerstone Drive. There are ten parcels abutting this street segment, however, none of these properties are addressed to this portion of Joseph M. Bryan Boulevard. Therefore, no addresses will be affected by this change. If approved by Council, The Planning Department will notify the Guilford County Tax department, The Postal Service, utility companies and various other service agencies of this change to minimize any inconvenience to property owners and tenants. The Greensboro Department of Transportation estimates that the cost to prepare and install new street signs will be between \$1,500 and \$1,700 dollars. Staff is still waiting to hear from NCDOT concerning any additional costs associated with changes to signs maintained by the state.

Chair Isaacson asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or opposition to the request.

Tony Wilkinson, Westin Drive, stated that since there was no opposition and minimal costs involved that he supported the request.

Mr. Bryson moved to recommend the street name change to City Council, seconded by Mr. Allen. The Board voted 7-0-1 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Isaacson, Allen, Bryson, Parker, Brame, Wade, Martin. Nays: None. Abstained: Atkins)

Street Closing

PL(P) 17-07: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF TERRAPIN RIDGE ROAD, TERRAPIN RIDGE COURT AND BRACKISH DRIVE (FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION)

Lucas Carter stated that the City owns the abutting lots and is requesting the closing to aid in the construction of a Water Resources project. This subdivision was approved several years ago, the street built and dedicated, but none of the lots were sold nor were any houses were constructed. The Board must make two determinations in order to close a street; 1) the closing of the street to vehicular traffic is not contrary to the public interest, 2) no property owner in the vicinity is deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress. At their April 7, 2017 meeting, the Technical Review Committee (TRC) recommended the closing with the following conditions: 1) The City shall retain 20' utility easements over existing utility lines until such time as the lines are no longer needed for public use; 2) the lots currently located adjacent to these portions of Terrapin Ridge Court, Terrapin Ridge Road and Brackish Drive are to be combined so that the resultant lot has frontage and direct vehicular access to an existing public street.

In response to a question, Steve Galanti stated that they are building a pump station in this location.

Mr. Allen moved to recommend the street closing to City Council with the two conditions, seconded by Mr. Bryson. The Board voted 8-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Isaacson, Allen, Atkins, Bryson, Parker, Brame, Wade, Martin. Nays: None.)

APPROVAL OF ABSENSES

The absence of Mr. Mossman was acknowledged as excused.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schwartz, FAICP Planning Department, Director