

Planning & Development Committee
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Conference Room – City Hall
-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Councillor Valerie Gilman; Councillor Jen Holmgren

Absent: Councillor Paul Lundberg

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the committee at 5:32 p.m.

1. CC2019-017 (Gilman/Lundberg): request that the City Council through its Planning & Development Committee establish an Ad Hoc Committee to study the implications of affordable housing within assisted living facilities.

Councillor Gilman informed the committee she had received a communication from Gregg Cademartori, Planning Director, regarding the council order and asked the Assistant City Clerk to read it into the record (communication on file). She then asked Sunny Robinson, former Public Health Nurse for the City of Gloucester, to review her letter that she submitted (in packet).

A brief discussion was held on the issues raised in Ms. Robinson's letter. **Councillor Holmgren** expressed her interest in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee. **Councillor Gilman** noted that it would be beneficial to have Councillor Holmgren, who is a member of the Gloucester Housing Production Plan Task Force, serve in this position because there would be continuity. She added that she wants the Ad Hoc committee to perform a general study on Assisted Living Residence/Affordable Housing for the elderly in Gloucester. The study can be given to Gloucester Housing Production as well as to City Council and the administration.

The committee, with input from Ms. Robinson, discussed the goal of the Ad Hoc committee and agreed on, *“The purpose of the ad hoc committee is to explore creating an assisted living residence for Gloucester, including special emphasis on affordability within assisted living residences by looking into the affordability of the costs of the housing portion of assisted living AND the cost of the care portion.”*

The committee, with input from Ms. Robinson, discussed the composition of the Ad Hoc committee and concluded it should be comprised of the following:

- City Council Representative (Councillor Holmgren)
- Sunny Robinson, former Public Health Nurse, City of Gloucester
- Non-Profit Housing Expert (David Holden of the Gloucester Housing Authority was mentioned)
- Care Provider from an organization such as PACE or Care Dimensions
- ACTION Inc. representative
- Senior Care representative
- Public Health Director (based on her time availability)
- Planning Director as ex officio member (if available)

Chairperson Gilman asked **Councillor Holmgren** to head the committee and begin reaching out to potential members once this meeting's minutes are approved at City Council on May 12, 2019.

On a motion by Councillor Gilman, seconded by Councillor Holmgren, the P&D Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, that the goal of the Ad Hoc committee is to explore assisted living opportunities, including affordability, within the City of Gloucester. This ad hoc committee will consider both the cost of the housing portion and the cost of the care portion. It is recommended that Councillor Holmgren chair the ad hoc committee and that the membership consist of Sunny

Robinson, former Public Health Nurse; David Holden of the Gloucester Housing Authority; a representative from ACTION Inc.; a representative from Senior Care; a representative from the AGH Senior Adult Unit; Gregg Cademartori, Planning Director, as ex officio member; and that the findings be shared with the Gloucester Housing Production Plan Task Force and the City Council.

- 2. Special Events Application: request to hold the Harbor Loop Summer Concert Series July 4, 11, 18 & 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, with a rain date of September 5, 2019 (Cont'd from 4/17/2019)**

As the event applicant was not in attendance, this matter was continued to May 22, 2019.

- 3. CC2019-018 (Gilman): request per letter submitted to the City Clerk by Sam Avola, 1 Colburn Street, that his repetitive petition request, covered under GZO Sec. 1.5.15 be considered for the sole purpose of determining if a reduction of building height of 38 feet to 34.5 feet constitutes a specific or material change (referred also to Planning Board) TBC 5/22/2019**

Councillor Gilman informed the Committee that this matter cannot be taken up until the Planning Board has heard the matter and makes a recommendation. As the Planning Board won't be meeting until the beginning of June, this matter was continued to June 19, 2019.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Grace E. Poirier, Assistant City Clerk