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ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION
Approved Minutes of Meeting
May 5, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.
City Hall – Council Chambers

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Lawrence Bleau	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
James McFadden	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Rose Greene Colby	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Christopher Gill, Chair	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Kate Kennedy, Vice Chair	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Javid Farazad	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
John Rigg	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>

Also Present: Planning Staff – Terry Schum and Miriam Bader; Attorney: Suellen Ferguson

I. Call to Order: Christopher Gill called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Lawrence Bleau moved to adopt the minutes of March 3, 2016. Kate Kennedy seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

III. Amendments to Agenda There were no Amendments to the Agenda.

IV. Public Remarks on Non-Agenda Items: There were no Public Remarks on Non-Agenda Items.

V. Review of Fence Ordinance Discussion with City Council and Next Steps

Christopher Gill stated that he attended the Mayor and Council worksession on April 19th where the APC's Fence Ordinance recommendations were discussed. He stated that the Council seemed receptive of APC's recommendations but they have remanded the ordinance back to the APC to work with the City Attorney to revise and submit back to Council.

The commissioners discussed the different changes that could be implemented to streamline the fence process and voted to address the following areas.

- Materials and setbacks for garden fences
- Number of Plots
- Definition of temporary fence
- Fence Height

- Definition of raised beds
- Public Services Enforcement
- Definition of hedges
- Financial incentives to get rid of chain link fences

Lawrence Bleau suggested taking a road trip to look at the different types of fences throughout the neighborhoods.

Suellen Ferguson, attorney, stated that the Council was interested in the idea of reducing the number of criteria for fence variances. Suellen suggested that staff and counsel draft a letter for APC to discuss at their July meeting. She stated that until the front yard garden fence issue is resolved, Public Services will not be enforcing the fence ordinance in respect to front yard gardens.

VI. Update on Development Activity: Terry Schum reported on the following:

RFP's update:

- **WMATA – College Park Metro Station**
The developer for the Metro Station may be announced in June. A meeting with the City, WMATA and selected developers will be planned in the near future to share the plans.
- **Prince George's County Site – Across the street from the metro station**
The County asked all four of RFQ respondents to submit detailed proposals.

Lidl – An application will be filed in the near future. On May 19th, Lidl will be meeting with the Berwyn District Civic Association where staff will be present.

Metropolitan - The townhouses should be completed in a year. They have expressed an interest in a bike share station.

Food Trucks - The County passed legislation a couple of months ago to allow food truck hubs within a half mile of the metro station or on M-NCPPC property. The City is supporting a food truck hub at the Little Tavern site. The applicant's are two recent graduates from the University of Maryland. They have a food truck called the "Q" truck and specialize in Quesadillas. Food trucks can also be set-up in other areas, but a resolution would be required from the County Council.

VII. Other Business:

Terry Schum informed the commissioners that their budget request for additional meeting funds to record a listening session was approved for the 2017 budget.

VIII. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.