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RESIDENTIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2024, at 1 p.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Janice Bortner (Zoom), Susan Brennan (Zoom), Deb Cowell (Zoom), Sharon Harris (Zoom), Rose Mary Hoy (Zoom), Shaughnessy Pierce (Zoom), Stu Rubenstein (Zoom)

Other Participants:

Staff: Pat Schuchman, Lori Dabbondanza, Mike Locke, Chief Mike Morrissey

Flag Salute & Call to Order

1. Approval of the January and February committee meeting minutes
Sharon Harris/Stu Rubenstein motioned to accept the minutes. Rose Mary Hoy shared some edits with the minutes from the January 8 minutes. Minutes were approved as amended.

Motion by Megan Staczek/Sharon Harris to approve the February meeting minutes. Deborah Cowell abstained given that she wasn't at the meeting. Motion approved.

2. Welcome new member, Megan Staczek
Janice Bortner welcomed Megan Staczek to the committee.
3. Discussion and Action
 - a. Benches on Bunting
Janice Bortner noted that the proposed benches were not approved by Council at the February Town Council meeting and the issue was sent back to the Residential Concerns Committee for further discussion. Pat Schuchman noted that the Council would like to see smaller benches placed in a few select locations initially. Janice presented the committee with a smaller, 4 ft. bench option and noted that the benches would be placed on the Bunting St. side of the beach and opposite of where vehicles park. The intended purpose of the benches is to give people a place to rest while walking on Bunting. The cost of each bench would be covered by donors of the plaques. The benches are heavy, however Mike Locke indicated that we should look at a way to secure them to the ground from wind and theft. Geri Verlaque asked if there is any liability to the Town if someone were to hurt themselves on them? Rose Mary Hoy and Geri Verlaque volunteered their husbands to assist with putting the benches together.

Regarding the location of the benches, Stu Rubenstein noted that the benches would be placed in areas that are safe, ideally where there are no driveways on either side of the bench. Chief Morrissey and Mike Locke have performed a site assessment and determined that the best locations for the benches would be to have one bench placed on the following streets: Dagsboro, Georgetown, James, and Lewes. On a Megan Staczek/Rose Mary Hoy motion, the Committee voted to recommend approval of the benches in the locations recommended by Mike Locke and Chief Morrissey to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Old Business

Janice Bortner indicated that Delmarva Power will be installing the lights on S. Schulz later this week.

Janice Bortner indicated that a working group of the Residential Concerns Committee will be formed for the purpose of working on welcome packets for new residents. Cindy Kerns and Shaunessy Pierce will serve on that working group. On a Rose Mary Hoy/Sharon Harris motion the committee voted to form a working group to work on welcome packets.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business

Janice Bortner also discussed a draft form that was created by Rose Mary Hoy for residents to share residential concerns. The form will be available electronically and via hardcopy. Completed forms will be submitted to the chair of the committee to address and/or share during the Residential Concerns Committee meeting.

6. Public Participation

None

7. Future Meeting

April 8, 2024, at 10 a.m.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.