

MINUTES FOR GARRETT HILL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR APRIL 20, 2010

The Garrett Hill Implementation Committee (GHIC) met on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at the Radnor Township Building, 301 Iven Road, Wayne, PA for a meeting scheduled at 7 pm.

Present were Chair Rick Barker, Vice Chair Phil Ahr, and Committee members Nancy Leinwand and Jerry O'Connor. Committee Members not present were Jim Cunilio, Betty Lou Norcini, Le Turner, and Bob Adams. Members of the public were present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Barker at 7:18 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Barker led the Members and public with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopting the Agenda

O'Connor moved to adopt the Agenda as submitted and the motion was seconded by Cunilio. No discussion was held and the motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

Approving Minutes

O'Connor moved to approve the minutes as submitted and the motion was seconded by Ahr. No discussion was held and the motion was approved unanimously.

Community Announcements

Barker announced upcoming township meetings and the Garrett Hill Coalition Fundraiser "Flowers, Food, and Flags" that was scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Reports of Officers

Barker reported that the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners extended the Ad Hoc Garrett Hill Steering Committee now to be known as the Garrett Hill Implementation Committee to help implement the Garrett Hill Master Plan. The term of office will be until 2013. The B.O.C. is seeking a ninth member. Interested parties should contact Bill Martin.

Ahr noted that the township has issued the final edition of the Garrett Hill Master Plan now produced with a color cover.

He also noted that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) has posted its draft Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for fiscal years 2011-2014 that includes a study of the Route 30 Corridor through Radnor. Materials may be viewed at www.dvrpc.org/TIP.

Reports of Working Groups

Grants and Funding - Leinwand and Cunilio – Leinwand reported that the GHCET advisory committee volunteers have come forward and the enhancement trust is now officially constituted and officers have been named. The GHCET will hold its second meeting on April 24, 2010.

Recently individuals interested in park improvements, including Paul Overbeck and Sara Pilling, initiated an application for a WREN (Watershed Resources Education Network) grant through the PA League of Women Voters to help develop a stream bank and water resource improvement and education project. Due to a immediate deadline, it was decided to defer the application until the coming year.

GHCET advisory committee members and interested members of the public are reviewing the *PA 7th Congressional District Federal and State Grant and Resource Directory* that has been compiled and updated by Congressman Joe Sestak's office. An electronic version is available at www.sestak.house.gov.

Ahr noted that it is important to develop a plan for the sub-committees to interact with regard to needs and options.

Public Comment

Commissioner John Fisher noted that committees will work with Township staff and in particular the community development department.

Sara Pilling noted that the Resource Center of the Free Library offers support for non-profits seeking funding.

Gateways and Crosswalks - O'Connor and Adams. O'Connor reports that work is starting on sign and crosswalk standards and requirements.

Park Improvements - Norcini and Turner. Turner and Norcini were not present. Barker mentioned that there is lots of interest and a number of volunteers for the park improvements – an unofficial 'friends of Garrett Hill parks' – who hope to establish the riparian buffer along the stream and develop a program to replace the specimen and heritage trees. See also some initial park activity under **Grants and Funding** above.

Streetscapes, Facade Improvements, Route 100 station and Rock Slope - Norcini and Ahr. Ahr listed the aims of the Master Plan including streetscape and building façade improvements, crosswalk design, planters and street trees, street level lighting, possibly burying the electrical wires, among other ideas.

Public Comment

Commissioner Fisher noted that Radnor Township will restart the negotiations for a controlling interest in the rock slope property and whether the Township can get an easement along the cartway.

O'Connor mentioned that we need to develop a plan to use the \$10,000 grant funding that we have in hand. This is the Community Conservation and Employment Program (CCEP) grant, which continues through June 30, 2011. The money may be used to help enhance the appearance of the slope and strategize improvement.

Commissioner Fisher said that with controlling interest, we can apply for additional funds such as a PECO grant for improvements.

Barker noted the DVRPC study and the possibility of grant funding related to the SEPTA Route 100 improvement.

Parking Strategies – Barker. Barker noted that he has met with officer in charge Antonini and reviewed the options for permit parking in Garrett Hill. Officer Antonini offered to explain the permit parking and its limitations as it pertains to Garrett Hill to the general public – Barker plans to organize this meeting in the fall.

Historical Preservation and Design Criteria – Ahr and Barker. A group of interested Garrett Hill residents who live in the area of the Beechwood Drive and Radnor United Methodist Church have met to consider light preservation and protection of their small historic neighborhood.

Unfinished Business

The next GHIC meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Radnor Township Municipal Building. The fall meeting will take place on October 19, 2010. The Garrett Hill Implementation Committed is charged to work on the implementation of the Garrett Hill Master Plan and will report annually to the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners and Township staff through 2013.

New Business

Ahr noted that since the GHIC is now charged to work on implementing the Garrett Hill Master Plan, the committee would very much like to have the active engagement and participation of interested Garrett Hill residents.

Public Comment

Patti Barker reminded the committee that the Garrett Hill Coalition collected volunteers' contact information and interests. She encouraged some Garrett Hill residents to consider serving on the Garrett Hill Implementation Committee.

Commissioner Fisher thanked the GHIC for their three-year effort to bring the Master Plan and Garrett Hill Zoning District to completion and noted that the Board of Commissioners has confirmed their faith in the committee's efforts. He presented plaques to committee members.

Patti Barker announced that the Garrett Hill Coalition had produced a Garrett Hill Cookbook that is available for a \$10 donation to the GHC.

Adjournment

O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, the motion was seconded by Ahr and approved unanimously without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Leinwand for James Cunilio
GHIC Secretary