

Minutes of the Meeting of September 27, 2007

The Bryn-Rose Civic Association met in the Radnor United Methodist Church, 930 Conestoga Road, Rosemont, Pennsylvania at 7:00 P.M. on the above date.

Present

Bob Adams, President; Peggy Gaskins, Treasurer; Lynn Ellis, Recording Secretary; members and guests: Ted Pollard, President of the Radnor Historical Society; and Preservationist Beverlee Barnes of the Delaware County Planning Commission.

Bob Adams called the meeting to order and informed the attendees of a \$48,000. overlay grant. He introduced Beverlee Barnes who had prepared a photo exhibit of Garrett Hill from her 2-day trek through our town. She spoke of the visual scale, public transportation and commercial center. A "Visioning Form" had been distributed to the Garrett Hill residents for their input. Most participants were in agreement on what is important to them: Macrone Park, mature trees, our 4th of July parade and activities, Tunnell Field with a comfort station, architecture features, the size of the buildings, a walkable neighborhood, parking, convenient businesses, better lighting and sidewalks needs, too many wires in the Conestoga, Williams, and Garrett Roads intersection, fixing the spillway on Conestoga Road down to the P&W tunnel, etc.

Residents were surprised that five proposals have already been received by the Township when no one has asked them for input. Roberta Winters brought up the plans for added density which was viewed as a big negative for quality of life and health concerns with additional traffic, grid lock, pollution from fumes and more traffic shifted to Conestoga Road. Jeanne Bascome and Dee Delaney noted that they and other residents are still receiving letters from firms wishing to buy up the homes on Wentworth Lane, Bailey Road, Summitt Terrace, Williams Road, Rockingham Road, etc.

Marty Costello, who grew up in Garrett Hill and who now owns Joe's Hoagie's in Wayne, spoke of the experience Wayne residents had with their over-lay. He suggested all meetings should be opened to the public and noted that the Township's Implementation Committee has no members who were from Wayne. He said that Garrett Hill is a community of Radnor residents and "working class people" – teachers, doctors, lawyers, ball players, etc. Eminent domain, condemnation by zoning, loss of future development rights, and grandfathering were discussed.

Kathryn Fuscaldo noted that the Ithan residents and Quaker Meeting fought for their neighborhood and the developers changed their development ideas. Bryn-Rose is a by-partician association and attendees would work together to make Garrett Hill better. The Township Implementation Committee should have members who are directly affected by these plans (residents of Garrett Hill). Dee Delany suggested reviewing the track records of the consultants who submitted the five plans to the Township. Maricel Hahn called for a united voice and carefully picked points to rally around.

Peggy Gaskins encouraged residents to call their Commissioner, attend those meetings, insist on public participation to show our interest and hold them accountable. It was noted that a member of the Implementation Committee told a resident that it's a lot easier to get things done without the neighbors involved. The background of the those Committee members was discussed.

Old Business

Participants discussed the continued lack of enforcement of the ordinances regarding student housing and parking. Other concerns were that we did not want to be a “community of liquor establishments” which brings crowds, noise, and worsens the parking problems. Restrictions through the enforcement of the Zoning rules for businesses and rentals, and enforcement of rental regulations was suggested to help

alleviate these problems. Speeding, drivers not stopping at stop signs and a bigger need for police presence was suggested.

New Business

Jan Armon announced that he would host a letter writing meeting on Sunday, September 30 at his home. Residents were encouraged to sign the petition to create a task force to represent Garrett Hill. Block captains were requested. Patty Lee will collect money for “Save Garrett Hill” signs. People felt that Garrett Hill had always been treated a step-child by the Township and now it’s worse.

Jeanne Bascome felt that people should know that we have a strong community association. We do not want to get rid of the Garrett Hill feel and change with over-building by outside interests.

The task force will promote preservation, diversity, affordability, promote existing scale, and meet with the consultant so they know what the residents want all along the way.

A Town Meeting with Radnor Police will be held on October 15th at 7 p.m. at this location to discuss the recent burglaries and safety tips.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on October 25, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. All residents are welcome, so bring some new ideas and a friend!

Respectfully submitted,