

City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council & Planning Commission Workshop Minutes
January 18, 2022

The January 18, 2022 City of Brunswick Mayor and Council and Planning Commission Workshop was convened via Zoom at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Nathan Brown. The following members and staff were present:

Council Members – John Dayton, Andy St. John, Angel White, Chris Vigliotti, Brian Sandusky, Vaughn Ripley

Planning Commission Members – Dan Roe, Carroll Jones, Alan Miner

Staff – Dave Dunn, Jeremy Mose, Bruce Dell, Carrie Myers, Heather Gottke, Abby Ingram

Preservation Maryland – Nicholas Redding, Laura Houston

DHCD – Melissa Archer

Developers – CJ Tyree, Hannah Weikel (architect)

NEW BUSINESS - Railroad Square Development Project

- A. Completion of MHT/DHCD Historic Review Process
 - 1. Preservation of Snoots House
 - 2. Preservation Maryland Involvement, City Ownership
 - 3. Other Development Obligations - historic documentation, historic salvage, monetary contribution

Melissa Archer, DHCD and Nicholas Redding, Preservation Maryland gave updates regarding the process followed to accept citizen comments, and the decisions that were ultimately made about what historic mitigation steps were appropriate for the project. The Snoots House will be saved, restored through Preservation Maryland, and ultimately given to the City for a future use. Other project aspects such as the Karnes Building will be documented for historical significance prior to demolition. Certain salvageable materials will be saved.

Mayor Brown stated the City would work with any community stakeholders to develop future use for the Snoots House.

Comments were received from Council Members regarding who would determine what materials were salvageable.

Public comments were received from: Madeline Cowan (5 West Potomac Street), and Brandon Barna (418 Wills Creek Drive).

B. Design Changes to Apartment Building - Preservation Maryland Input

CJ Tyree, Taft-Mills Group and Hannah Weikel, project architect, discussed the evolution of the building design and described the input from Ann Powell, a Preservation Maryland Board Member and historic architect. With Ann's suggestions, changes were made to simplify the exterior design of the building including the roof line, and to use more brick materials that match existing brick structures in town.

Comments were received from Council Members regarding whether the current design fits with the City's design guidelines.

Public comments were received from: Madeline Cowan (5 West Potomac Street), Nathaniel Williams (5 West Potomac Street), and Brandon Barna (418 Wills Creek Drive).

C. Site Plan Updates

1. Parking Agreement
2. City Park Dedication
3. Utilities – utility lines, water/sewer infrastructure and capacity

CJ Tyree discussed the necessary parking agreement, currently with City legal review; dedicating a future park within the footprint of the project to the City; and utility placement of water, sewer, and electric lines.

Public comments were received from: Wesley White (809 East B Street), Madeline Cowan (5 West Potomac Street), and Brandon Barna (418 Wills Creek Drive).

D. Process Moving Forward

1. Planning Commission – February
2. Anticipated Construction Start Date

CJ Tyree and staff stated the project site plan would be going to an upcoming Planning Commission meeting for consideration and that, if all is approved and goes well, construction could begin as early as July 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Submitted by: Carrie Myers

Approved By:  2/16/22 Witnessed By:  2/16/22
Mayor Date City Administrator Date