

Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee
Meeting: May 16, 2023, 7 PM

AVCIAC Members Present:

Nadine Masone Mort - Secretary - Yes
Leianne Clements – Yes
Jessica Sidar - Yes
Michael Tharkur - Yes
Kathleen Wheeler - Yes

AVCIAC Members Absent:

Harry Berman
Chelsea Hughes
Paul Mangus
Amy Medd
Julia Roberts

Others Present:

Jamey Pratt – Planning Department
Aaron Kraut, Executive Assistant to - Yes
Dawn Luedtke, Councilmember, Montgomery County Council

Agenda

No quorum met, Jamey confirmed that the meeting may proceed.
Introduction of Aaron Kraut

Approval of minutes – March 21, 2023, meeting
Tabled for the next meeting. Jamey reviewed what should and shouldn't be included in meeting minutes and members discussed the minutes from March 21.

Introduction of Brooke Farquhar

Confirm accuracy of attendance spreadsheet or note any corrections
Participants confirmed that their attendance record looks accurate.

Discuss whether any plans have been submitted
Jamey updated the group on plans for the “missing Middle” pilot project in Sandy Spring and at the old Insurance company building in Sandy Spring. No update from the developer or bank on the SE Corner of Ashton.
The group discussed the process and timeline for pre-submitted meetings and the role of the implementation advisory committee.

Jamey clarified that the master plan requires meeting with this committee, but it's important to understand that it's not legally binding, the committee could be circumvented and it's important to remain vigilant and be involved.

Nadine proposed that we should meet with the site reviewers for this area within the planning board preemptively to make our presence known.

Jamey reviewed an email from Jewru about proposed capital improvements. Proposed meeting for 24th or 26th, to be confirmed with Jewru .

Jessica covered the concerns about infrastructure and pedestrian issues at the Ashton intersection, and Aaron and Jamey discussed the history, concerns and process. Jamey mentioned that SHA may also have public hearings and reach out to the community.

Discuss whether to follow-up with Sandy Spring Bank

Based on conversations, we will wait until there is something more substantial to get their input on.

Any Other Business (AOB)

Discuss the election of officers?

Reschedule the July Meeting to June? Jamey will review the process for calling a special meeting and Amy could call for a special meeting to have elections in June.

Jamey asked Aaron if he knows about items that the state had approved in their budget for MOCO, and infrastructure projects mentioned in Greater Olney News, and if any are for the Ashton area. Aaron suggested the meeting with SHA next week will be a way to move forward and address infrastructure concerns.

Adjourn