



Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee

Meeting: January 21, 2025

Microsoft Teams

The meeting came to order at 7:14 PM

Members Present

Amy Medd - Chair

Julia Roberts – Vice Chair

Nadine Mort – Recording Secretary

Kathleen Wheeler

James Meehan

Leianne Clements

Ali Azimi Bolourian

Members Absent

Stephen Faehner

Jessica Sidar Roth

Paul Mengus

Other Attendees:

Jamey Pratt – Montgomery County Planning Department

Agenda.

Old Business

1. Welcome new Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee member Ali Azimi Bolourian. He has lived in Ashton since 2013 and has renovated an 1810 barn which won Montgomery County's best historic renovation project. Jamey will send the appropriate meeting rules links to all new members
2. The minutes from November were reviewed and approved
3. Nadine reviewed the SSCA's recent meeting about the large-scale commercial development in Ashton for a Korean Mission Church and Adult Day Care Center. The SSCA heard a presentation from the developer's lawyer, and their team proposing the project. The members of SSCA voiced concerns about traffic safety, environmental impact in the water and sewer supply as well as the commercialization of the area. Questions about Forest Conservation were raised. Some rules on how much of a site has to be replanted depends on the size of the entire property. Both lots hold 26 acres of forest. Jamey explained that the developer will probably not have to replant due to the size of the clearing/build vs total size of the land. He reviewed their landscaping plan and the requirements for the parking lots. Jamey also said that the project won't have to go to a site plan. It can go from preliminary plan to plat recording to building permits



New Business

1. Jim Meehan brought up concerns about speeding cars on New Hampshire Avenue. Nadine and Ali agreed that speeding cars are a concern north of the 108 and New Hampshire Avenue intersection as well. Jamey will reach out to the appropriate people at MCDOT in charge of road speed and report back. James will reach out to the police and see if they can help. He also pointed out that the main problem is the failed intersection itself.
2. A sewer category change request has come in for 3 Porter Road and the lot next door. Jamey said that he did not see a problem with approval.

Any Other Business (AOB)

1. Kathleen brought up that Paul had mentioned in an email about a meeting between the representative of the Ashton Meeting LLC, which owns part of the property on the southeast corner of 108 & NH Ave, and representatives of the new owners of the Sandy Spring Bank who own the other half. Jamey has not heard of any development news on that property. He said that the developers will be required to notify the public (sending notifications/post signs) before they submit a preliminary plan. Jim mentioned that he knows the branch manager at the bank and could stop in to ask.

The next meeting will take place March 18th

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