

EMERY RE-USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday March 7, 2017

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- Present: David Donahue, Vice-Chairperson
Cathy Torrey
Beth Morley
Patrick Angland, Jr.
John Deady
Dorothy Chase
Ken Ryder
Stanley Benulis
Jodi Purdy-Quinlan
Barbara Cellucci
- Absent: Ken DiFazio
John Dwyer, Jr.
Brian Leonard
Sachin Suryawanshi
- Staff: Bob Luongo, Planning Director
Nick Bulens, Administrative Services Coordinator
- Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

David Donahue called the Emery Reuse Advisory Committee to order at 7:00 pm.

Nick Bulens announced that Greg Shanahan is no longer be able to participate with this committee. A new chair will be elected at the next meeting. David Donahue, vice-chairperson, will preside over the meeting this evening.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Cathy Torrey to accept the minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting with the following correction: correct name of Mary Anne Pete to Mary Anne Peake. The motion was seconded by Barbara Cellucci. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

General Discussion

501C3 Formation

There was discussion as to the pros and cons of forming a 501C3. A “friends of” organization which would raise money for the benefit of that organization would need to be established. A board of trustees would need to be formed, the organization would need to be incorporated by the state, and would need to follow the rules of the state. A down-side of this formation would be that it can be difficult to find members to serve on the board of trustees.

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A motion was made by Beth Morley to table the discussion regarding the formation of a 501C3 and seconded by Patrick Angland. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Jodi Purdy-Quinlan to take New Business out of order and was seconded by John Deady. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

New Business

Use of the estate

John Deady stated that he believes that an events venue is most likely to succeed.

Cathy Torrey mentioned a booklet, "Historic Places for Historic Parties", to be used as a resource. It can be ordered on-line for \$4.35.

Nick Bulens stated that the vast majority of the estate's grounds will become a public park through the King Oak Hill Park Project. A priority is to allow concurrent uses on the parkland, so the restroom facilities have been proposed as separate from the pavilion.

There was discussion regarding possible uses for the house.

Dorothy Chase stated that the house could be used for events and a center for arts and humanity.

Ken Ryder pointed out that that the pavilion is part of the King Oak Hill Park Project and tied to the PARC grant. It is a separate venue from the building.

Beth Morley stated that the house and grounds are interconnected.

Ken Ryder stated that it will take at least two years to fix the building.

John Deady made a motion to form a working group to create a long-term business plan for events (proforma) and was seconded by Barbara Cellucci. After discussion Cathy Torrey called for a voted. The motion passed.

Cathy Torrey made a motion to develop a business plan (proforma) just for use of the house and was seconded by the John Deady. The motion passed.

There was discussion regarding subdivision of the property. The Town will need to review what this subdivision would entail.

Members were encouraged to send individual comments to Town staff for Shadley Associates Landscape Architects regarding plans for King Oak Hill Park.

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Future speaker invitations

A motion was made by Beth Morley to table discussion of future speaker invitations and seconded by John Deady. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Designation of Work Groups

The work groups were established as follows:

House and property working group

Stanley Benulis
John Deady
David Donahue
Beth Morley
Jodi Purdy-Quinlan
Ken Ryder

House working group

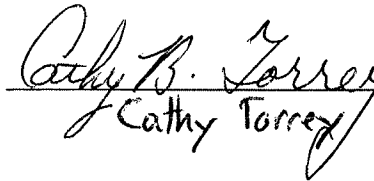
Patrick Angland
Dorothy Chase
Barbara Cellucci
Jodi Purdy-Quinlan
Cathy Torrey

Dr. Chase will provide a business plan template.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 pm and was seconded. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved:



Cathy Torrey, Chair

3-21-2017
Date