



RUTLAND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

8/21/13

Minutes
August 21, 2013

Present: Jack Facey (JF), Jerry Hansen (JH) and Alvin Figiel (AF).

Also Attending: Brennan Duffy, RRA Executive Director, Mike Coppinger, DRP Executive Director and Ed Bove, Regional Planning Commission.

The meeting was called to order by JF, Chair, at 6:04 pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 17, 2013.

AF moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2013. JH seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS – Municipal Planning Grant Application 2014.

On behalf of the City of Rutland the RRA, DRP and RRPC would like to submit a municipal planning grant application in the amount of \$20,000. Together with \$7,500 in matching funds, the money would be used to hire a consultant to conduct a comprehensive study related to improving targeted gateways into and within downtown Rutland. Planning will address utilities, infrastructure and transportation, as well as encompass improving pedestrian safety, redevelopment of Brownfields, address Complete Street concepts, low impact green infrastructure and leveraging existing and future private investment.

JH asked which gateways would be targeted. Mike said West Street, Evelyn and Strongs Avenue. JH discussed work regarding sewer infrastructure that is currently being done through REDC in the gateway corridor in Center and West Rutland.

JF asked what the ultimate goal of the study would be. Mike said the study would provide a prioritization of streetscape and infrastructure projects to improve the major gateways and underutilized sites in the gateways and within the designated downtown. These priorities would be adopted by the City, RRA, DRP and RRPC and incorporated in to their budgets and capital improvement plans in the future. Brennan added the study would also be used to leverage additional implementation funding.

JH asked what kind of consultant would be hired. Ed Bove said most likely a firm that specializes in architectural landscaping and engineering and more specifically an engineering/urban design firm. JH and JF said they would like to see a local firm hired. The RFP process was explained to the Commissioners.

AF moved to authorize the Planning Commission chair to sign the resolution in support of the MPG application. JH seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS - Master Plan Update Section 6 Community Facilities.

Brennan said he added the continuing education graph to Section 3 Education and "Parking" was added to Section 5 Transportation Plan as its own sub-section and the subsequent reformatting has been done. The Commission agreed those section updates were complete.

Section 7: Education Plan - Brennan added the higher education piece. JF said he had received a revision from Mary Moran that included information regarding Stafford Tech. However the revision was still lacking in any planning needs over the next five years. JF said he would contact Ms. Moran again. He also wants to contact CSJ and suggest more information on their planning goals. The Commission put this section on hold for further review.

Section 6: Community Facilities Plan – The Commission approved the revision by Chief of Police James Baker. Brennan said he had not yet received a revision from Chief Schlachter for the fire department and emergency management.

Evan Pilachowski did provide revisions for water and sewer. AF said the revision lacked plans to upgrade the City's water distribution pipes. Brennan said he would ask Evan and Jeff Wennberg if they want to include additional information.

James O'Gorman provided the revisions for Waste Generation, Recycling and Disposal.

Cindi White, interim director of the Recreation and Parks Department had attempted to provide a revision but Brennan suggested putting this piece on hold to allow her more time to complete the revision.

There was some discussion on whether to elaborate on the City's plans regarding telecommunications. Brennan removed the plans for a telecommunication hub.

JF volunteered to contact Caprice Hover to possibly elaborate on the Child Care Element.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE.

JH moved to receive and place on file the following correspondence. AF seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7/24/13, Green Mountain Power, Petition of GMP Corp for a Certificate of Public Good pursuant to 30 VSA §248 authorizing the construction of a 2.3 MWDC solar generation facility to be known as the Stafford Hill Solar Farm in Rutland City;

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8/7/13, VT Agency of Natural Resources, Permit Fact Sheet and opportunities for public comment, GMP hazardous waste program;

8/8/13, VT Agency of Natural Resources, Notice of Appearance of Donald J. Einhorn, re: Green Mountain Power Stafford Hill Solar Farm.

IV. ADJOURN.

The meeting ended at 7:04 pm.

For the Commission, Barbara Allen, Recording Secretary