

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 1997

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Councilors present: William Troxell, Margaret Gustafson, Holliday Giles, Charles Woodward, Jay Schmitt and John Eline. Richard Kreisher and Leonard Andrews were not present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Donald Oyler, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Borough Secretary Sara Stull and Mark Honeycut of the Gettysburg Times.

Citizens in Attendance:

Barry Breighner, South Hay Street.

Randall Inskip, owns several properties in the Borough.

Robert Housch, 121 East Broadway.

Jim Cullison, 5 Tiffany Lane, owner of Big Jim's Beverage.

Walton Davis, 301 Ridge Avenue, Planning Commission.

James Cole, 51 East Stevens.

Mr. Eline opened the meeting for public comment on the proposed zoning ordinance. He asked that citizens limit their comments to 5 minutes.

Mr. Weikert gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes on the zoning map. A new RO Residential Office District was established for the corridors north of Old Town along Carlisle Street and south along Baltimore Street, and two smaller areas along York Street and Buford Avenue. The RO District intended to preserve the present historic residential character and integrity of these areas. The rec park, armory, park service and cemeteries have been changed to Institutional District to eliminate spot zoning. Other minor adjustments were made in certain areas.

Comments from citizens:

Randy Inskip owns 44 E. Water Street and asked if there were any changes being made to that area. CEO Weikert replied that this would remain R-2.

Robert Housch was concerned with the homes south of East Broadway near Eisenhower School. That area will remain R-2.

Jim Cole expressed a desire to have Stevens Street changed (his concerns dealt with the Historic District Ordinance). He also asked why the proposed ordinance couldn't be on display for a longer period of time.

Mrs. Gustafson responded that his concerns were directed toward HARB and didn't have anything to do with the zoning changes.

Mr. Troxell asked if the Borough could open the office for an evening to allow citizens an opportunity to view the ordinance.

Walton Davis commented that no citizens attended the Planning Commission meeting a few months ago to review the ordinance. The meeting was open to the public to review the proposal.

Randy Inskip was concerned with his property on Baltimore Street since this will be changing to an RO District. CEO Weikert responded that it wouldn't change his property on Baltimore Street. Those properties can continue to have single family residents.

Mrs. Gustafson asked Mr. Weikert to explain where Emergency Service Stations, Communications Towers and Solid Waste Transfer Facilities can be placed in town. Mr. Weikert responded that they can only be put in the designated districts and must meet the specified requirements.

Mrs. Gustafson asked if the definition for paved parking lots would allow crushed stone.

Mrs. Gustafson asked about the storage of tires in certain areas. Insects accumulate inside these tires. CEO Weikert noted that State and local law requires these tires be moved on a regular basis.

Mrs. Gustafson also had some concerns with certain language in the child care, adult care and the pet section. Mr. Eline responded that the Community Development Committee will review these issues at their next meeting.

Mr. Eline noted that the Planning Commission studied this ordinance for a long time and did a great. The next step is for the Community Development Committee to review the questions and concerns of tonight's meeting. Community Development Committee meetings are open to the public and the next meeting will be held on August 25th at 4:00p.m.

Mr. Weikert noted that minor changes can be made to the ordinance without another public hearing. Council will have 90 days to vote on the proposed ordinance.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary