

EAST GREENVILLE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 18, 2008 Regular Meeting

Call to Order: The October meeting of the East Greenville Borough Planning Commission was called to order by Bob Gery at 7:00 PM.

Attendees:

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS: Bob Gery, Debra Perlow, Karen Mauer, George Althouse, and Ryan Pugh.

VISITORS: Jim Ennis, M.C.P.C.; Joe Pierson, Borough Council; Liz Herman, U.P. Downtown; Paul Ulicny, Upper Perk Downtown; Tom Pettine; Kevin Chowns; Jim Fry, East Greenville Borough.

Business:

Railroad Street – Rober Subdivision

This project is not ready for preliminary submission. The owner informed the Borough the plans might be submitted in the next several weeks.

413 Jefferson Street

Kevin Chowns and Tom Pettine presented a set of plans to the Planning Commission dated 11/3/08 with revisions dated 11/15/08. The plans propose a 12-unit condominium project in this building. The units will be two story units with several units having a third floor loft. This plan is presented for comment by the Planning Commission for the upcoming Conditional Use application. The units will be upscale with prices about \$180,000.00 each. Mr. Chowns said he has worked on a project in Lansdale, a 200 unit building. He thinks this is a good use for the property. They intend to leave some of the existing building feature intact and will design them in a “studio” style. The building is mostly vacant and he has had difficulty with vandalism in the past. After a brief discussion, a motion to recommend approval of the conditional use by Borough Council was made by George Althouse and seconded by Ryan Pugh. The vote was unanimous. A letter will be forwarded to Borough Council.

Revitalization Plan Update

Mr. Ennis presented a power point presentation on the revitalization process. East Greenville is eligible for funding through 2009. The plan needs to be re-written by the end of 2009 to be eligible for funding in 2010. A brief overview of the current plan was provided. The Planning Commission reviewed the questionnaire that was distributed earlier by email. During the discussion, it was asked whether a business could obtain grant money to be used to assist with making handicap accessibility improvements. Mr. Ennis will research this issue. Many suggestions were given on parking, signage, sidewalks, and other aspects of revitalization. The comments will be combined into a report to be distributed to the members.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.