



BELLINGHAM MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

10 MECHANIC STREET BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

Meeting Minutes October 9, 2019

MEETING LOCATION: DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL CENTER

Members Present at the Meeting

Brian T. Salisbury (BS), Chairman
Kelly Grant (KG), Secretary
Kelly McGovern, (KM), Member
Liz Berthelette (LB), Member

Other Present at the Meeting:

James S. Kupfer (JSK), Town Planner and Zoning Compliance Officer
Robert Larson, Graduate Intern
Roberta Cameron (RC), Community Opportunities Group, Inc.
Courtney Starling (CS), Community Opportunities Group, Inc
Doug MacLachlan, Resident

Absent:

Don Martinis (DM)

BS opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

JSK explained that Peter Pappas has relocated out of state and will no longer be participating with the committee.

JSK discussed the updated master plan survey results compiled at this point. The survey will remain open through October. The final Master Plan Open House will take place in mid-October with the hope that the committee can gain significant feedback through October.

JSK reviewed the master plan update revised schedule. He explained that we previously completed the visioning session and a community outreach report will be completed once the open house is finalized. Tonight, Community Opportunities Group (COG) is presenting to discuss housing needs with the committee. COG is updating the Housing Production Plan concurrently with the master plan process and will attend the master plan open house to garner input. Next month the committee will return to the discussion of economic development and begin to review the draft chapter.

RC began the housing discussion by reviewing the needs analysis recently formed by COG. The analysis highlighted the priority housing needs, identified housing demand, and outlined the existing supply of housing units. RC reviewed the affordability requirements to own a home within the existing inventory. RC explained the cost burden that is created by the lack of affordable options.

RC then reviewed the existing deed restricted affordable home units in accordance with the Department of Housing and Community Development Subsidized Housing Inventory. She then began a discussion with the committee on preliminary goals and strategies for how to create housing choices for all residents of Bellingham. Lastly RC reviewed potential sites for affordable housing with the committee.

KM: Motioned to sign the minutes of August 14, 2019 and September 11, 2019. KG: Second. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

KM: Motion to adjourn. KG: Second. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes Accepted on: 12-11-19
(Date)

Brian Salisbury
Brian T. Salisbury

Kelly Grant
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Don Martinis
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(Prepared by: Jim Kupfer)

Kelly McGovern
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