

Climate Action Committee Minutes July 10, 2020

Present: Carol Harris, Chair, Fred Gaechter, Michael Holt, Bob Higgins-Steele

No Public Comment

Cloverleaf Affordable Housing Project:

The Committee agreed that we would refer to CHR, the developer, as such rather than name the principal Ted Malone. This protocol is being used in other committees.

The CAC and EC will present a joint presentation to the ZBA, hopefully July 23.

The CAC concurs with EC proposed 6 conditions regarding Energy Efficiency, Solar ready, HVAC etc.

There was some discussion importance of supporting the first condition of the EC.

First EC condition:

" A. It is recommended the Developer provide an Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Design plan as part of the Developer's application for a Town Building Permit".

Bob pointed out that the application for a feasibility study with a concomitant incentive rebate appended to the EC's first condition was specific to Passive House. Bob said the EC was amending the wording of the first condition. He feels this is the most important condition to insist upon/support.

We agreed to focus on conditions/Recommendations that would incur low or negligible cost to the developer and would have a positive effect on greenhouse gas emissions, sustainability and / or quality of life for the tenants.

The CAC developed conditions/ recommendations specific to the CAC.

These conditions/ recommendations were assigned to members for development. Members are to research items addressing the advantage, potential cost and payback (if identifiable), of said items.

- 1) Composting toilets - Michael
- 2) Tree replacement on site or elsewhere in Truro, Tree planting for shading -Carol
- 3) Gardens, native plantings etc. for food security,recreation, and water conservation - Carol
- 4) Water use efficiency, water quality effects of the tenants outside of septic system concern - Bob
- 5) Recycling containers for the development.

Report back by 12 N Wednesday July 16

Chair presented draft document for SB presentation.

We reviewed the Committee's high-level actions. Members will report on progress and status of their proposed actions or policy recommendations.

Michael expressed the need to engage the community- everybody agrees.

set agenda for next meeting

Adjourned



Respectfully, Bob Higgins-Steele

