

Morristown/Morrisville Planning Council
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Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 7 January 2020

Council Members Present: Allen Van Anda, Joshua Goldstein, Etienne Hancock (Chair), and Tom Snipp.

Council Members Absent: Steven Foster

Guests: Dan McLaughlin

Staff: Planning Director Todd Thomas

Call to Order: Chair Hancock called the meeting to order in the Community Meeting Room of the Old Tegu Theatre, 43 Portland Street, at approximately 6:00 P.M.

Prior meeting minutes – Member Van Anda moved to approve the December 17th meeting minutes. A vote of 4-0 affirmed the motion.

Discuss: Letter to School Board and Town Plan Education Chapter – The Council discussed the draft letter to the School Board requesting a meeting prior to the Education Chapter being finalized. The section of the letter that offered suggestions for a secondary means of access to PA from Upper Main / Elmore Street was also discussed. Mr. Thomas said he would edit the letter as requested and send it to the School Board directly. The Council, in discussing the larger Education Chapter, decided that the school system was likely to see a small upward trend in enrollment in the coming years resulting from the abnormally large number of new housing starts permitted since 2016. Member Goldstein asked for a chapter edit encouraging more investment and offerings at Morrisville's CCV campus. Chair Hancock asked Mr. Thomas to obtain an approximately 20 year look back enrollment levels at both PA (upper and middle) and Bishop Marshall.

Discuss: Proposed change to Section 206 Design Criteria – The Council discussed the revised §206 Design Criteria proposal that would require the construction of a front porch, deck, or patio equivalent on all new multi-family buildings that fronted on public sidewalks. The Council, after making a small tweak to the language, decided that it was ready to be included in the next zoning change.

Discuss: Town Plan Economic Development Chapter – The Council, after making minor edits to the proposed infrastructure section, decided that the Economic Development Chapter was ready to be included in the next Town Plan update.

Discuss: Town Plan Utility and Facility Chapter – Mr. Thomas submitted the existing Town Plan Utility and Facility Chapter to the Planning Council for review. He said he planned to propose a revised version of said chapter for the February 4th Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM, submitted by Todd Thomas, Planning Director