

Montgomery Planning Commission Minutes
Special Meeting
Public Safety Building
November 29, 2022, 12:00 p.m.

Present: Kenny Miller, Alissa Hardy, Joe Sherman, and Peter Locher. Barry Kade present through zoom 12:08-12:11

Guests: Emily Klofft from NRPC

1. Additions and Deletions - Alissa made a motion to add Emily Klofft from NRPC to the agenda to help work on bullet points for the Planning Grant. Kenny 2nd all in favor 5-0

2. Vote: Shall the Planning Commission approve applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to amend and update the Town Plan? The current Plan expires February of 2024 - Kenny made a motion for the Planning Commission to recommend to the Select Board to apply for the Municipal Planning Grant, Barry 2nd. All in favor 5-0

3.Emily Klofft from NRCP- The Planning Commission worked with Emily to choose the most important bullet point to include in the municipal planning grant application. Bullets points included affordable housing, transportation, conservation, and connectivity between the village and center for non vehicle traffic. Below is a draft of the board's brainstorming.

4. Other Business- None

5. Public Comment - None

Adjourned 12:56 P.M All in favor 4-0

PC BRAINSTORM AND DISCUSSION TO SUPPORT MPG APPLICATION FOR TOWN PLAN UPDATE AND MUNICIPAL CENTER VISIONING

4.1 Project Issue & Urgency. What timely community issue(s), problem(s), challenge(s), or obstacle(s) will the project address?

PC Brainstorm: What are the most important issues to address in the Town Plan? Housing affordability, future village planning efforts, etc. List discussion points below:

- Transportation- issues with speed & traffic volume: traffic calming, complete streets for walkers/ bicyclists to ensure safety is needed
- Housing affordability
- Connectivity from village to village for non-vehicle traffic
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4.3(a) Municipal Plan Project Readiness. If the application is for a municipal plan adoption or amendment project, how will the project address the issues described earlier and any recommendations made by the RPC to bring the municipal plan into compliance with statutory requirements?

Possible Issues to Address Based on NRPC Review of Current Plan...

- Will need to address forest integrity
- Strengthen land use section, clarifying areas appropriate for commercial uses
- Add additional details on natural resources & resource extraction, other minor RPC recommendations
- Town is seeing some incursion of development into forest areas
- Other? List...

4.4 Other Background (Optional). Are there any additional community efforts or activities leading up to this application that would provide extra context for this project?

- Short-term rental ordinance
- Streetscape planning
- Water/wastewater planning efforts

- Montgomery Thrives Initiative
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5.1 Public Outreach. What public participation methods will the project use to engage the participation of the broader public, *especially commonly under-served and under-represented populations in the community?*

- Need to take different approach- divided population, people need to be involved from the beginning
 - Workshop
 - Outreach to key people in community
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5.2 Project Partnership & Support. In addition to the Selectboard and Planning Commission's resolution of support, please explain and provide evidence of organizational partnership and community support for the project.

6.1 Project Outcomes & Goals. Beyond the project itself, what long-term outcomes would demonstrate the success of the project and further statewide planning goals?

- Housing Affordability- mechanisms to allow ppl to live in town
- Safe streets/walkability
- Connection between villages for bicyclists/pedestrians
- Natural resources, conservation "keep it wild"