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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES

Master Plan Implementation Committee

January 7th, 2016, 6:00 pm, first floor conference room

Present members: Adam Chapdelaine, Joseph Barr, Charles Kalasuskas, Michael Byrne, Peter Howard, Ann LeRoy, Wendy Richter, Andrew West & Ralph Willmer

Absent members: Andrew Bunnell

Present staff: Laura Wiener, Ted Fields, David Fields, Joey Glushko

Acting Planning Director Laura Wiener convened the meeting by asking Committee members to introduce themselves, and then briefly summarized the minutes from the Committee's inaugural meeting on October 29th, 2015. The minutes were approved with revisions.

Ms. Wiener then asked for reports from the Committee's Residential Zoning and Mixed Use sub-groups. Members from each group outlined their recent deliberations over the Planning Department's proposed zoning amendments in their respective areas. Michael Byrne suggested the possibility of putting proposed new residential driveway standards in the general Town By-law with Stormwater regulations. Mr. Chapdelaine recommended asking Town Council for a legal opinion on this idea. David Fields presented his drawings to show the effects of the proposed residential zoning bylaw amendments.

David Fields summarized his memo about the recent Mass. Historical Commission Grant Program. The Department did not submit a grant proposal because it was discovered that all of the town owned historic structures already have fairly recent structural assessments. Next steps in pursuit of the recommendations of the Historic and Cultural Resource Areas element of the Master Plan will be determined after Town Meeting. The Committee recommended that Planning Department staff coordinate with the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee about securing CPA funds for historic preservation projects.

Ms. Wiener outlined potential dates for public meetings and hearings by the Redevelopment Board (ARB) to review the proposed zoning amendments. March 7, 2016 was selected as the date for the ARB's public hearing on these topics. Ms. Wiener committed to work with the Committee co-chairs to see whether a Committee meeting was required later in January or February.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to add an East Arlington Parking Study to the Master Plan Implementation Table as a "Mid-term" objective.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by the Committee.