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Redevelopment Board Minutes 03/26/2012

Minutes of Monday, March 26, 2012, 7:00pm
Arlington Redevelopment Board
2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall Annex
Approved: 7-23-12

Present: ~Michael Cayer, Ted Fields, Bruce Fitzsimmons (Chairman), Christine Scypinski, Andy West

Zoning Bylaw amendments, vote on recommendations

Chairman Bruce Fitzsimmons opened the meeting by reviewing the Board's March 12 hearing on Town Meeting warrant Articles. Mr. Fields then moved to recommend Article 6, to amend the sign bylaw to remove the phrase that encompasses art from the sign definition. Ms. Scypinski seconded and all voted for the motion as written.

Ms. Kowalski would ascertain for the Board who would be presenting Article 9, burial of cremated remains, to Town Meeting. Mr. West then moved to approve the language of the vote and to recommend Article 9. Mr. Cayer seconded and all voted in favor.

The Board asked Ms. Kowalski to seek Town Counsel's advice regarding the intent of Article 10 to determine what the Board would be voting on, as the bylaw seems to already allow the signage cited in the bylaw.

The Board then discussed Article 11 to require transcripts of 40B comprehensive permit hearings. The Board agreed to support the Article with amended language.

The Board made changes to Article 7 on mixed use to preserve business use in business districts and agreed to consider this Article at the Board's April 9 meeting for a vote to recommend.

Symmes

The Chair then took up the Symmes update and the Board would return later in the meeting to discuss the rest of the Town Meeting warrant Articles. Jake Upton of Arlington 360 and attorney Josh Davis discussed steps and timing with the Board for approving conservation documents and Land Disposition Agreement (LDA) changes to include The Shelter Group in the LDA. Jake asked the Board to consider eventually approving the LDA changes as to form, then executing the LDA to go into effect when Shelter closes.

Return to Zoning Bylaw amendments, vote on recommendations

The Board then returned to warrant Articles. Senior Planner/Housing Director Laura Wiener reported on the Zoning Board of Appeals comments on the accessory apartment bylaw, warrant Article 8. In response to a ZBA member's concern, she suggested changing item five of the draft bylaw amendment to state that the accessory apartment had to meet code, not that the apartment and the home both had to meet code. Mr. West then moved to recommend that language as amended, Mr. Fields seconded and all voted to recommend Article 8 as amended.

The Board would continue its consideration of recommendations on zoning bylaw amendment warrant Articles at its April 9 meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kowalski Secretary ex officio
Document used: zoning bylaw amendment draft votes