

Committee on Real Estate

April 25, 2022

A meeting of the Committee on Real Estate was held this date at 3:01 p.m. via Zoom Webinar.

Notice of this meeting was sent to all local news media.

PRESENT

Committee members: Councilmember Appel, Chair, Mayor Tecklenburg, Councilmember Gregg, Councilmember Shahid, and Councilmember Waring.

City Staff: Leigh Bailey, Philip Clapper, Julia Copeland, Melissa Cruthirds, Rick Jerue, Mollie Jones, Jason Kronsberg, Tracy McKee, Christopher Morgan, Eric Pohlman, Mallary Scheer, and Velvett Simmons.

Other: Jonathon Oakman and Jason Ward.

Chair Appel called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with an invocation provided by Councilmember Waring.

Approval of Minutes

- April 11, 2022

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting.

a. Request to authorize the extension of deadline from May 1, 2022 to August 1, 2022 in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and Landmark Enterprise, LLC regarding 14 Sumar Street. The property is owned by the City of Charleston.

Mr. Pohlman said that the following day, they would be showing a much more robust update on what they had accomplished thus far. They were asking for an extension on the MOU. They had done some phenomenal work since it had started, but they needed some additional time to continue to refine the design and the process, and to come to a more realistic guaranteed maximum price.

Councilmember Shahid said that WARC had a briefing on their updated plans a week prior, presented by the architect that Landmark had chosen. One of the things they were looking at was parking. Some of the space they were looking at might go underground, which would change the dynamics and costs of the project. They had to face reality in order to get all of their numbers lined up. The extension would be for the betterment of the project. There would be a presentation in front of Council the next day, and then they were on the timeline for the concept plan to go before the DRB. He asked Mr. Pohlman what meeting that was set for.

Mr. Pohlman said they would be submitting for the May 16th meeting.

Councilmember Shahid said the 90-day extension was not interfering with that timeline, and they were still moving forward with the other portions of the project.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Item A.

b. Please consider the following annexations:

- (i) 2506 Birkenhead Drive (0.25 acre) (TMS # 309-13-00-051), West Ashley, (District 2). The property is owned by Christopher R Jefferies.
- (ii) 1940 Capri Drive (0.6 acre) (TMS # 350-14-00-039), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by Jeffrey and Meredith Fox.
- (iii) 1804 Able Street (0.25 acre) (TMS # 351-02-00-035), West Ashley, (District 7). The property is owned by Lanita Brown.

Mr. Morgan introduced the new Annexation Planner, Mollie Jones. She would be working on the annexation program.

Chair Appel welcomed Ms. Jones to the City.

Councilmember Shahid gave Ms. Jones his phone number, and said he wanted to talk with her at some point.

Councilmember Waring said he also wanted to work with her. He said that if she ever needed help getting into certain doors, the Mayor and all 12 Councilmembers would be able to get her in front of important stakeholders.

He said a lot of the blighted areas were in the PSD. The City could do something about it. They wanted her to be really successful.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Item B.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Philip Clapper
Clerk of Council's Office