

Village of Athens Zoning Review Committee

Minutes from meeting on December 4, 2008; Committee members in attendance: Margaret Moree, Chris Pfister, Tim O'Leary, Denise Hartman and Chairman Mark Levanway.

Chairman Levanway was to bring the ZRC Committee up to date on a ZRC proposal to the Village Board to seek a representative from the Concerned Citizens of the Village of Athens as a member of the ZRC. Mr. Levanway advised that the Village Board concurred with the recommendation and advised Mr. Levanway to reach out to Mr. Coons. Mr. Levanway presented the proposal to Mr. Coons via telephone; a subsequent phone conversation at Mr. Coons' request was had. As of this meeting Mr. Coons had not responded to Mr. Levanway's proposal.

Recommended Changes to the Proposed Zoning Code:

92-11. RM DISTRICT – MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

- 1). Change from November 6, 2008 minutes: Delete per tax map#12207.2.1, parcel#12207.02.01

Per Chairman Levanway the reference to the boundaries will stay in the District as: Washington Street, Water Street, and Third Street and Fourth Street.

92-12. CR DISTRICT- COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

- 1). Change from November 6, 2008 minutes: Should read as follows: Extend from Warren Street to Church Street and 200 feet on either side of Second Street.

92-15. SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD DISTRICTS

Change to the last sentence: In addition, uses within a Flood Hazard District must meet the requirements of the Flood Damage Prevention Law.

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92-14.1 W WATERFRONT DISTRICT

Extend the Waterfront District North to South Street on the East side of Washington Street with the exception of the lot on the Southeast corner of Washington Street and South Street which falls into the Commercial District

92-16. HISTORIC DISTRICTS

It was agreed that the ZRC would work through the proposed language and then revisit how best the objectives can be accomplished through the structure and membership of a commission.

92-16. B. Change the last sentence to read: These Districts have been discussed as to their appropriateness.

SECTION 2: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A). Change to: The Commission shall consist of five members with a demonstrated interest and familiarity with historic preservation standards and guidelines. To be appointed by the Mayor and to be ratified by the Village Board of Trustees. At least one member of the commission must reside within the Historic District.

C). Change to: The Chairman of the Commission to be appointed by the mayor from among the members of the Commission.

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The members held a discussion on maintaining the twice monthly meeting schedule through 2009 until review of the proposed zoning changes were complete and recommendations could be advanced to the Village Board for the next phase. It was acknowledged that the ZRC would not meet on January 1, 2009 and that the first meeting would be held on the third Thursday of January 2009 which would be the fifteenth (15th).

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Levanway at 9:15 pm. Next meeting December 18, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

RMH/me

CC: Andrea Smallwood, Mayor