UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION January 13, 2010

The Upper Merion Township Planning Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA.

PRESENT: Robert Krutsick, Chairman; Ken Forman, Vice-Chairman; Mark McKee,

Secretary; James Shelton; William Jenaway, Liaison for the Board of Supervisors, Robert Loeper, Township Planner, and Maudy Hedlund, Recording Secretary. Absent: Steven Elgart; Brody Bovero, Associate Planner

Mr. Krutsick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A pledge of allegiance followed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Krutsick appointed Mr. Loeper Temporary Chair with the request to ask for nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Mr. Loeper stated that, for the record, all members were present except for Mr. Elgart. The first order of business is nomination for Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Forman, seconded by Mr. McKee, and all voting "aye," Mr. Krutsick was re-elected Chairperson of the Planning Commission (3-0). Mr. Krutsick thanked the Commission for re-electing him.

Mr. Loeper turned the meeting back over to Mr. Krutsick.

On a motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Shelton, and all voting "aye," Mr. Forman was re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission (3-0). Mr. Forman thanked the members for re-electing him.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton, seconded by Mr. Forman, and all voting "aye," Mr. McKee was re-elected Secretary of the Planning Commission (3-0).

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES:

On a suggestion by Mr. Krutsick and all voting "aye," the Planning Commission set the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as their regular meeting date and time, with the following exceptions. There would be no meetings on the fourth Wednesdays in November and December.

Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mr. William Jenaway, announced that a course he is teaching will temporarily reduce his attendance at the Planning Commission to one meeting per month.

MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 9, 2009:

Mr. Krutsick asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes that incorporated Mr. Elgart's changes. Mr. Forman motioned to approve the Minutes and Mr. McKee seconded. Mr. Krutsick abstained from voting. A 3-0 vote, in favor, carried.

Following the nominations and minutes approval portion, the group's discussions addressed:

- Developing standards for billboards.
- Features of the business improvement district.
- Interest in an indoor farmer's market.
- The status of the Valley Forge Golf Club's development.
- Incentives to encourage more sustainable development.
- Sustainability issues.
- Transit-oriented development utilizing a shortened Schuylkill Metro.
- Joint municipal planning.

Mr. Krutsick asked the audience for questions or comments.

Mr. Bill Deery of South Gulph Road referred to the Malvern School location at S. Gulph and Henderson and asked if the widening of both sides of S. Gulph Road would alleviate an existing traffic problem. Mr. Loeper provided a post-construction overview of the area.

Adjournment: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARK MCKEE, SECRETARY

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