

Carroll County Lands and Annex Subcommittee

Date: August 18 2023
Location: Carroll County Annex
Time: 2:30pm
Present: Subcommittee Chairman Mark McConkey
Representative Richard Brown
Representative David Paige (remote)
Mellisa Seamans, Executive Coordinator

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve August 4, 2023 meeting minutes by Rep. Paige, 2nd Rep. Brown. Passed 3-0

Prior to the regular meeting, Reps. McConkey and Brown traveled to Dover to meet with John and Maggie Randolph for a tour of Cottages at Back River Road. They also met with Jen Legere of childcare centers A Place to Grow in Durham and Brentwood.

Rep. Brown:

- I got a great education about childcare in the State. Would like to get together with Rep. Paige to discuss.

Rep. McConkey:

- Randolphs took a site that could have accommodated 7 single family homes and are building 40 tiny homes (400 +/- square feet). Looking toward expanding in other areas – two and three bedrooms possibly
- Needed housing for their own employees at Harmony Homes, extending to the public need. Rent capped at 30% of employee salary
- 12' ceilings, on town water and sewer, no Federal funds in the project.
- Worked with the neighborhood. Waiting list exceeds production
- Visited their second site that has a childcare center on lower level with studio apartments above
- Could be something the County could partner with a hospital or other

Rep. Brown:

- No federal or state funding; great model. Something to certainly look at here at the County to support the workers we need. Expected to open by January
- Took many pictures; will forward for the record

Rep. Paige

- Have we surveyed employees?

Rep. Brown

- The idea of this committee is supposed to be helping the commissioners with the work they may not have time to do. I'm hoping the work we are doing is going to make it easier for the commissioners.

Rep. McConkey

- This committee is picking up the work done by previous committees.
- I don't see our role regarding the Annex to say stop or what has to be – want to be involved from the beginning. If we just keep speaking about it and don't keep things moving, nothing gets done
- We have a Delegation with an awful lot of expertise in various things.
- Will reach out to the commissioner chair

Coord. Seamans

- Architect is coming a week early – August 29
- New IT Director has started and has office space in the Annex.
- Gary Bent from veterans group may be interested in using some space

- Annex being cleaned out; the commissioners approved a dumpster. Departments are working on sorting through and organizing records, disposing of unusable equipment, etc.
- Forest Management Plan (2006) has been scanned and saved in digital format.
- Lightning strike August 4 did damage to jail equipment, Annex generator, sewer system components. Primex covering replacement of all and an inspection of the sewer system.
- FEMA Zoom meeting held to discuss storm damage to the access road (Dunfield Road) to the communications tower and water tower. May receive reimbursement for work done to restore the road and possibly qualify for grants to upgrade the road if a disaster declaration is made.

Meeting adjourned.

Follow-Up

Survey of County employees re: childcare and housing needs

Approve July 21, 2023 minutes at next meeting

DPW Director previous report on potential farm uses