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Packard Street Reuse Committee Minutes April 15, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Hudson Packard Street Reuse Committee was conducted via remote participation.

Minutes

Attendance: Anna McCabe; Kevin Santos; John Parent; Shawn Sadowski; Ann Marie Lourens; Jeff Supernor; Stephen Forti; Tom Walsh; Michele Resendes; Steve Huehmer; Dennis Murphy

Also: Jack Hunter, Director of Planning and Community Development; Kristina Johnson, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development; Eliza Datta E3 Consulting; and Cliff Boehmer, Davis Square Architects

1. Welcome and Introductions – Jack Hunter welcome everyone to the meeting and commended them all for getting sworn in and agreeing to being on this committee. He then asked each person to introduce themselves. Each attendee then introduced themselves stating their name and reason for volunteering for the committee.
2. Organization – Mr. Hunter next asked for nominations for chair of the committee. Ms. Resendes nominated Ms. McCabe. Having heard no further nominations Mr. Hunter asked ofr a motion to elect Ms. McCabe as Chair of the Packard Street Reuse Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Ms. Resendes to elect Ms. McCabe as Chair, on a roll call vote it was unanimous.

Ms. McCabe thanked everyone for their vote for her.

Ms. McCabe asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Mr. Parent nominated Mr. Santos and Ms. Resendes nominated Mr. Sadowski.

Having heard no further nominations Ms. McCabe asked for a vote.

On a motion by Mr. Parent, seconded by Ms. Resendes to elect Mr. Santos as Vice Chair. By a roll call vote it was unanimous to approve the nomination.

3. Introduction of Mass Housing Grant – Jack Hunter introduced to the committee the history behind the Mass Housing grant and the work that went into looking at both the Packard Street site and the Apsley Street site for possible affordable housing.

He noted that they stopped their investigation almost 2 years ago awaiting a final decision from the BOS as to what site would be used for the School Admin building.

4. Review of Scope of Services and Review of previous work – Eliza Datta from E3 Consulting went through a short presentation on the work previously done and zeroed in on some very preliminary schematics on Packard Street.

Following her presentation there was considerable discussion around design, density, circulation, height and many other features that the committee liked, disliked or had questions on.

There was also discussion centered on what type of housing rental vs, condo vs. home ownership and what the basic funding opportunities there were for each type.

Mr. Boehmer described what his firm could produce regarding renderings and bring it back to the committee.

Ms. McCabe asked that the team bring back at least 3 alternatives to the committee, showing different types of architecture and how they relate to the neighborhood.

She felt strongly that the committee must reach a consensus before bringing anything to the neighborhood.

Ms. Datta said they would work on that and schedule a meeting in early May.

On a motion by Mr. Sadowski, seconded by Mr. Parent the meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM on a roll call vote it was unanimous.