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Packard Street Reuse Committee Minutes May 6, 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. Call to order – Ms. McCabe opened the meeting at 7:02PM and asked Mr. Parent to speak. Mr. Parent wanted to remind the committee that the Housing Trust initiated this committee to develop a plan to have affordable housing on the site. It's important to remember that Affordable housing is expensive, therefore density, access, buffering, parking are all important as well as architecture. Now is the opportunity to develop a plan that addresses all these concerns and answers the questions while still focusing on our goal. Ms. Resendes reiterated whatever we decide on the potential impacts to the schools must be analyzed. Mr. Sadowski felt that property values also need to be considered.
2. Review of last meeting – Mr. Hunter informed the committee that staff and the consultants have met three times since the last meeting to start to develop

renderings that may be possible on the site and how they would relate to the surrounding neighborhood.

3. Review of illustrative design alternatives - Ms. Datta first went through a PowerPoint presentation that describe what it takes to do an affordable housing project, who lives in these developments and how they are funded.

Davis Square Architects then showed several examples of affordable housing projects throughout the state.

Mr. Boehmer then went through 5 options of buildings and how they could fit into the site.

Concerns centered on the need for a survey; parking; buffering; handicap access and screening.

Discussions also focused on what options each member liked and the tradeoff between buffering and size.

Ms. McCabe and other members asked that any revised drawings and options show the number of units, how many units are handicap accessible, height of each building, length of buffering and other dimensions including the amount of parking necessary.

Minutes 4.22.2020 - On a motion by Mr. Santos, seconded by Mr. Sadowski to approve the minutes of April 22, 2020 as amended. On a roll call vote it was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09PM on a roll call vote it was unanimous.