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Dale Street Building Communications Sub-Committee
Zoom Remote Session Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: 5/20/21- 12:00-1:00 PM

In attendance:

Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke- member
Bob Sliney - member
Tim Knight- member
Tracey Rogers -member
Tim Baker
Larry Spang
Mike Quinlan
Emily Grandstaff-Rice
Lynne Stapleton
Tina Soo Hoo

Not present:

Tim Bonfatti - member

Start: 12:11

End: 12:57

Next steps post Annual Town Meeting: question posed by AMO how do we proceed post ATM and vote on the article: do we continue full steam ahead or do we pause to get guidance from SBC? MQ mentioned that it wouldn't be a pause per se as the following Wednesday, SBC will be meeting and will be discussing how it will move forward.

Time was given to reflect how to further improve communications. Tim Baker mentioned that the PAC would normally play a big role and MQ said that our meeting was not intended to discuss PAC directions. Tina Soo Hoo mentioned that it would be important to keep up social media with facts, have a schedule with key facts, one issue at a time.

Per the article that was voted on in addition to SBC direction, SC direction would ultimately be needed as well. AMO mentioned that the next Sc meeting was June 3rd, but perhaps it could be moved up to take up the topic sooner.

Bob Sliney shared his reflections on ATM on who attends and how it works, answer: how many people proponents and/or opponents rally to come. 7000 residents voted in the presidential election and just over 400 went to the ATM and those who went pretty much had their mind made up. But our continued communication should be positive messaging and about education. But different people have different concerns, ie: some are concerned about traffic, some have a

lack of trust in the people on the committees and we need to identify and address these concerns.

Tracey expressed disappointment at the low turn out and said that we could do a better and more thorough job the next time by following up with the organizations to make sure they posted and shared. Further feedback was that Tim and MQ did a great job speaking but her suggestion was that 2 guys did not have to speak and that a mother's voice is needed, ie AMO; a mother, former chair of SC. She stated that moms tend to be in charge and that kind of voice could be used in the future. Bob agreed and also reflected on the high school project from 20 years ago and how it was a Mom's March along with Tim Bonfatti that ultimately got the project to pass. He also noted that it was important to hear the statement from the Dale St school teachers. He also stated that although we are not an advocacy group, we ultimately advocate for students and the town.

MQ was very grateful for the honest feedback and said that he was attending our meeting to listen to our feedback. But further discussion will happen with the entire SBC.

AMO asked if there should be a message that can be sent out in the interim. Larry suggested getting a survey out to try to understand people's issues. Tim Knight stated that however much time is needed for a "pause" we need to be mindful of the timeline and impact of any further delays.

ATM petition vote was not a mandate, but MQ did not want to ignore that they still won and we need to respond and the answer needs to come from the SBC and decide on the path forward. Waiting to receive direction from SBC was what the group would do. Tim Baker mentioned the feedback from Facebook and the call for a need for babysitters. It was a difficult time for young families as people are just coming home at 5:30, the need for dinner or taking kids to practice. MQ also mentioned that emails were received about frustrations of the timing. He would like to believe that in the Fall we will hopefully be beyond pandemic style meetings and hence offer babysitting and dedicated time for discussion. Last major town meeting brought 2000 residents and we need the $\frac{2}{3}$ to vote for the school which is approximately 1400 people to show up and vote for it.

AMO will send out an email reminder about the meeting and getting guidance from SBC and encourage people for their feedback. Tim Baker suggested that we share renderings to keep up social media posts.

April 15 and 29, 2021 were tabled by AMO.

Jerry Potts and Chris Potts made statements in the chat.

Meeting was adjourned and motioned to adjourn by Bob Sliney and seconded by Tim Knight. Voted unanimously.