

January Meeting 2017

Called to order @ at 6:35pm
Welcome from Chris Cotton

Went around the room for introductions

Hillwood Heights- inverness and Cisco, adding to the overlay - meeting tomorrow, 1/10 @ 6pm @midtown precinct. Other streets are wanting to continue the overlay.

David- Gale Lane frustration- streets that missed out on the overlay are now under siege because others are protected.

*Encourages people to go to meeting because it's a great opportunity to talk to the developers and ask questions , find out overlay guidelines, etc.

Donald- Home tour update- will take place in May instead of April- trying not to be a traditional home tour. Want it to be more interactive.

Bob owner of BOX is the top sponsor of the home tour

Village real estate is another sponsor on the home tour

If anyone knows of any other businesses or homes to be on the home tour, let us know.

Chris Cotton- since we have done away with association dues, the home tour is primary fundraiser.

Concerned Citizens for a Safe Environment- Chris met this past weekend and wanted to come speak. Chris introduced

Gas compressor issue-

Anna from Citizens

Feb 2015 - received letter in the mail about building

One of the largest energy companies (Kinder Morgan) in the world wanted to put one of the largest natural gas compressors in the country in Joelton. The gas that would be flowing through would not be refined.

Lori Burkhead founded Concerned Citizens for a Safe Environment- don't want in their neighborhood, but it also has implications for all of Nashville.

Want to bring education about the issue to communities.

Mission is to stop this compressor station- opposed to something being implemented and forced on the community that could have harmful effects.

- 2015- passed local zoning so compressors would only be put in industrial areas, but the companies can pre-empt it by federal law.
- 2016- if you tie zoning to clean air act it cannot be pre-empted.

Question from neighbor- Where is the EPA and TDEC? Why is this a citizen led initiative?

*TN is not an environmental state

*Sierra Club, Southern Environmental law center have helped a lot.

In a legal standstill as of now and they are really needing to educate people

*Gas will not benefit us- going to China

*There is a group in Cane Ridge as well, but need to help it get more organized.

*This compressor will create 0 jobs for the Nashville community

Nathan- Are there alternatives? They could choose somewhere else

Can reduce emissions by using electricity but Kinder Morgan doesn't want to because it would be more expensive.

They hold fundraisers and send out updates.

Need people to write letters to TDEC, our government.

Website - www.CCSEnow.org

Facebook page- Concerned Citizens for a Safe Environment

Kerry- As a board we are not against development- but want responsible and environmentally safe development.

Chris- the way we can affect change in our neighborhoods is to help facilitate conversations and have each other's back.

Colby Update-

Meetings- Hillview Heights meeting tomorrow

No meeting for water on 10th

New Business

- Adopt maintenance of triangles/medians- exploring option for beautification

Any questions or opposition?

Take a vote on exploring pursuing maintenance?

*Donald opposed- has questions that he would like to be addressed- financial and impact on neighbors. Prefers we explore rather than execute.

* No need to vote on it but we will discuss and report back

Elmington Capital bought Dollar Tree on 8th

*Short term rentals- deferred a bill that cleaned up language- the debate is over non owner occupied. State legislature is getting back in session, Colby asked where they state on it. Looking at state wide regulations.

*Codes department- consultants report on property standards.

*If things aren't getting handled email council and mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm