

Arlington Redevelopment Board
April 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Senior Center, Main Room, First Floor
Meeting Minutes

This meeting was recorded by ACMi.

PRESENT: Andrew West (Vice-Chair), David Watson, Eugene Benson, Kin Lau

STAFF: Jennifer Raitt, Director, Planning and Community Development

Mr. West opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and turned to the first item on the agenda, public hearing, Special Town Meeting, Article 2, Zoning Bylaw, amendment extending recreational marijuana moratorium. Ms. Raitt stated the amendment extends the current moratorium to December 31, to give time to respond to new regulations, work with a Study Group to address buffer zones. Ms. Raitt also addressed other amendments, e.g., the recodified zoning bylaw and asked if the Board had any questions.

Mr. Benson asked why marijuana moratorium deadline cannot be extended to avoid a possible fall 2018 Special Town Meeting; Ms. Raitt advised that the December deadline is the maximum allowable time limit, per the Attorney General's (AG) office. She stated the town will likely hold a Special Town Meeting in the fall.

Mr. West opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Laurence McKinney requested further information about the Study Group; Ms. Raitt advised that they will be helping prepare the new zoning for adult-use (recreational) marijuana and potential amendments to adjust buffer zones for the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center requirements. Mr. McKinney remained to observe the rest of the meeting. Mr. Benson moved to close the public portion of the hearing; all in favor.

Mr. Watson moved to recommend Article 2 to Special Town Meeting; all in favor (4-0).

Mr. West opened the floor to Board Member discussion. Mr. Benson moved to add text clarifying moratorium deadline date, which may not be written law but was ordered per AG's office. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Watson asked Ms. Raitt to comment on the Finance Committee's report regarding architectural services for Senior Center. Ms. Raitt and Mr. Lau advised that Sterling Associates are the architects for this project, and contract is in process, with financing to take place in 2020. Favorable discussion followed of multi-use of Senior Center.

Members voted all in favor (4-0) to accept the evening's report, which Ms. Raitt would submit to the upcoming Town Meeting. Ms. Raitt stated Mr. West would be at that meeting and requested other Board members to attend.

Mr. West moved to Minutes and requested comments regarding the February 26 minutes. No comments from Board.

Mr. Benson advised Ms. Raitt he found a typo in the record. He also stated he was not present at the March 5 meeting, and Ms. Raitt agreed to make corrections.

Mr. West moved to approve the minutes from February 26, 2018, and March 5, 2018, as amended. Ms. Raitt advised there were not enough votes present for the March 5 meeting. Feb 26 minutes approved, unanimously, (4-0).

Meeting Adjourned.