DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The Doylestown Borough Planning Commission meeting was held at Borough Hall at 7:00 pm on November 12, 2024. Members present were as follows:

James Lannon, Chairman Heather Mahaley MaryAnn Baenninger Andy Happ Nicholas Caramenico Lynn Bush

Also present were Mike Roedig and Lynn Lai of the Bucks County Planning Commission, Steve Nelson of the Environmental Advisory Council, Borough Council Members Ben Bell and Dennis Livrone, and Doylestown Borough Director of Building and Zoning Karyn Hyland.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Lannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of Martin Corr.

MEETING MINUTES: The October 22, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as corrected (Lannon/Mahaley).

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Mr. Roedig and Ms. Lai of the Bucks County Planning Commission presented the current iteration of the Comprehensive Plan. One comment several of the commissioners had was to rearrange the themes in the Plan. It could be perceived as a way of ranking the themes if they are placed in any specific order, i.e., housing is most important because it is the first topic in the theme, when in fact, that wasn't true based on community feedback. The Commission would like Community Character and History as the first topic of the plan. The Commission members will think about the order of the remaining topics and bring that to the next Comprehensive Plan meeting in December.

Members of the Planning Commission offered various editorial comments, including adding and removing words and phrases, to the BCPC consultants. Nelson also provided feedback regarding the integration of the Local Climate Action Plan into the Comprehensive Plan.

Overall, all the feedback was positive and well-received by the parties involved in this process, specifically the use of charts, maps, and photography.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the Commission adjourned at 9:13 pm in honor of Libby White.

Respectfully submitted, Erika Fellman