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RIVER CENTRAL MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes from November 9th, 2021 – 7 pm

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

ROLL CALL

Members

Bob Mills – East Allen Township
Chris Crus – East Allen Township
Vicky Roth – Hanover Township
Mark Thomas – Hanover Township
Bryan Cope – North Catasauqua Borough

Others in Attendance

Victor Rodite – Northampton Borough
Georgiann Hunsicker – East Allen Township
Matt Assad – LVPC
Jill Seitz – LVPC

MINUTES – October 12th, 2021

The committee reviews the prior meeting minutes. Jill Seitz requests a motion to approve.

MOTION: By Vicky Roth. Second by Bob Mills.

HOUSING ANALYSIS AND TRENDS

Jill Seitz reviews data and analysis of the River Central area’s housing needs and population trends, including how population has changed by municipality over the last ten years and projected population growth to 2045, how homeownership and household incomes have changed over the last ten years, housing supply of the area and how housing prices compare to area incomes. Overall, housing and population in River Central have remained stable over time, and population is expected to steadily increase over the next 20+ years. The price of housing is largely attainable to residents, but prices have been steadily increasing as well, and the limited available units and limited opportunities to add more units has the potential to continue driving prices up. Many River Central households are already financially constrained, so planning for housing is important to avoid displacement and support a sustainable community.

SUBJECT MATTER ROUND TABLES

The committee discusses moving forward with the Agriculture Round Table and some challenges of bringing farmers to the table. The committee decides that early in 2022 would be the best time to have the Agriculture Round Table, followed by an Emergency Management Services and Police Round Table.

PROJECT SCHEDULE STATUS

Jill Seitz reviews the project schedule status. Due to the upcoming holiday season, the committee decides to cancel the December River Central committee meeting and meet again in January 2022.

CLOSING REMARKS + ADJOURNMENT

Jill Seitz requests a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: By Vicky Roth to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bob Mills.

Submitted by:
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission