

CITY OF ITHACA
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2010

The Special meeting of the Ithaca Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson John Wilson at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Secretary Mark Barrows and Members Neville Pitcher, Wilbur Rykert, Jerry Timmons, Doug Wright, Jim Gruesbeck, Student Representative Meghan Litwiller, George Bailey and City Staff present were City Manager Chelsey Foster and Building Inspector Dale Sherman.

Public in Attendance: Councilperson John Thomas, Councilperson Alice Schafer, Contractor for Cartridge Are Us Chris Manning, Ithaca Fire Chief Dave Nelson, C2AE Engineer Kevin Feuka, Smith Excavating Mark Smith, Councilperson Larry Trexler and Jack Hatt.

Members discussed on the site plan for Cartridges Are Us, which is planning to build a 30,000 square foot addition for packaging and warehousing. Members stated the concerns for drainage of water and discussed ways the water could be dispersed. Concerns for parking were brought up; Contractor Chris Manning said no additional parking will be added.

Motion by Mark Barrows, supported by Jerry Timmons to approve the site plans for Cartridges Are Us with the note of concern with the size of storm drains around the building.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

Kevin Feuka spoke on the North Downtown Alley Reconstruction. Mr. Feuka stated three points of interest. The first is to see that the Planning Commission has the City's interest at heart, also to answer any questions the Planning Commission has and finally to request letters of support from different City agencies to make this a successful grant request. Mr. Feuka spoke on a few highlights of the project and stated that the Frontier, Charter and Consumers Energy lines would hopefully be buried if the City wanted to use the alley for any functions in the future. Some ideas for the grant money would be resurfacing the parking area, bike racks, two electric car charging stations, a central dumpster and parking for apartments that will be developed in the future. The grant must go in with a 10% minimum local match. An outline of the complete project will be sent in along with drawings.

Moved by Neville Pitcher, second by Doug Wright to support the North Downtown Alley Reconstruction grant application.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None were given.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

Mark Barrows, Secretary