

Appointment of the Architectural Review Oversight Subcommittee of Planning Commission

As part of the Annual Meeting of the Planning Commission, one of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission is to appoint the Architectural Review Oversight Subcommittee. The following excerpt from the *Zoning Ordinance* is provided.

Appendix B: Zoning Ordinance, Article 10 Section 2. Site development plan approval.

2.28 Consideration shall be given to the physical orientation and architectural characteristics of proposed buildings, the relationship of proposed buildings to existing buildings and to other proposed buildings, and their contributions to the overall image of the immediate vicinity by considering the building and architectural design guidelines as set forth in article 5, section 19. Design characteristics of proposed buildings and building additions shall not detract or devalue existing buildings in the immediate vicinity.

- (A) If the planning commission determines that the proposed physical orientation and architectural characteristics of the proposed buildings do not meet the intent and objectives of this section, then the planning commission shall refer the proposal to the architectural review oversight subcommittee for review and comment.
- (B) The subcommittee shall meet and review the proposal with the applicant, and return its comments to the planning commission by the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- (C) The architectural review oversight subcommittee shall be appointed by the commission at its annual meeting, and membership shall consist of two planning commission members, and two design professionals with experience in construction, and the mayor or the mayor's designee. Two alternate design professionals with experience in construction shall also be appointed.

At the August 19, 2024 Meeting of the Planning Commission, the following individuals were appointed to the Architectural Review Oversight Subcommittee of Planning Commission. (This had been deferred from the July 15, 2024 Meeting as appointments of members to the Planning Commission were still pending at that time.)

- Kathleen Welsh, Planning Commission member
- Kenneth Roach, Planning Commission member
- Mayor or Mayor's designee

The Planning Commission at their August 19, 2024 Meeting also considered the appointment of two Design Professional members to the Subcommittee pending confirmation of their availability. Planning Staff reported back to the Planning Commission regarding their availability. At the September 16, 2024 Meeting, the Planning Commission heard the status of the following Design Professionals to serve on the Subcommittee. No other Design Professionals as Alternates were offered.

- Dr. R.J. Chandler, Faculty member of Architecture program at DelTech Community College, Design Professional (availability confirmed; approved to serve)
- Ms. Sarah Keifer, Director of Planning Services for Kent County, Design Professional (awaiting availability to serve)

The Planning Commission as part of their Annual Meeting must act to appoint the membership of the Architectural Review Oversight Subcommittee.