BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARIN G JULY 19, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Russo at 6:45 P.M.

This Public Hearing pertains to the rezoning of 249 East College Street and 203 and 207 Adams Avenue.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present

Richard Russo, Paul Sharkady, Joseph Graff, Allen J. Williams, Patricia Romano, Fran Coleman, George Coleman, and Michael Kazmarski Others Present:

Borough Manager Terry Hazlett, Engineer Harvey Treschow, Attorney Patrick Derrico, and Mayor David H. Rhome Absent:

Joseph Milioto and Police Chief R. T. Bell

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. Amy (last name unknown) expressed concern about parking.
- B. Karen Houlihan, of 247 East College Street, Telephone Number 724-746-0819, was concerned about privacy, decrease in the value of her property, and the fact that it looks like East College Street might become commercial.
 - Ms. Houlihan asked if the rezoning included the Architectural Emporium.
 - Mr. Russo informed her that it includes Architectural Emporium, Spicer's old garage, and the one house behind it.
- C. Rebecca O'Donnell, of 206 East College Street, stated that she and her neighbors have attended other meetings to inform Council what has been occurring on their street, but she can find no record in any of the minutes pertaining to their attendance and the fact that they expressed their concerns about East College Street. She asked who determines what goes into the minutes and why none of their comments and concerns were included in the minutes so they would be a matter of public record, Mr. Hazlett informed Ms. O'Donnell that no minutes are kept

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of the Agenda meetings; formal minutes are only kept of the voting meetings. A record of all public comments is kept at the voting meetings, which are held the second Monday of the month.

Mr. Hazlett was aware that Ms. O'Donnell had addressed Council pertaining to three-quarter houses. He informed her that this matter was turned over to committee, and the committee is working on it. However, there's nothing that's been done yet that can be brought to Council./ Mr. Hazlett assured Ms. O'Donnell that whatever is brought up at the Agenda meetings is addressed

Ms. O'Donnell stated that at the time she was before Council and brought up the three-quarter houses there were already three existing, and there was talk of a fourth one. She said that the section of East College Street on the left is zoned Commercial, and she was told she couldn't do anything about it. But across the street another house is already being lived in, and it's full of men. That area of the street is not zoned Commercial. She questioned how that house is allowed to be there.

Mr. Russo replied that (1) This is not the purpose of tonight's meeting, and (2) This is an ongoing issue with Ms. Jones and the properties she's acquiring and what she's doing with them.

Mr. Russo said that if someone has begun a commercial endeavor in a residential area, this needs to be investigated to see if it is true. He asked Mr. Hazlett to do this.

Further discussion was held pertaining to which committee was handling this. It was decided that Ms. O'Donnell;s contact person should be Mr. Hazlett.

Ms. O'Donnell also reported instances of drug paraphernalia being found, two of which have been reported to the police. She said that constant traffic at the beginning of the street is

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a concern of all the neighbors, and cars are always parked in the middle of the street.

Mr. Williams asked if Ms. Pam Jones has reported her tenants for the College Street houses.

Mr. Hazlett reported that she has, but Code Enforcement has the information. There is still a question as to whether she has reported all of them.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Hazlett to give Council the information pertaining to the number of people living in those houses, and then someone will get back with Ms. O'Donnell on this. Ms. O'Donnell gave her phone number: 724-745-5245. Further discussion was held pertaining to the ordinance and the description of half-way and three-quarter homes and if and how it would apply,

Mr. Russo asked if there were any other public comments pertaining to the rezoning.

There were none.

Mr. Russo asked if anyone on Council had any comments. Mr. Williams stated that rumor has it that there's a petition going around talking about the whole northern part of East College Street being rezoned. Council is only talking about the three parcels – the green house and the two on Adams Avenue.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Williams motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Mary A. Solomon

ATTACHMENTS: None