



MINUTES

WILSON DEERFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:00 PM, JUNE 22, 2005
COMMUNITY CENTER
330 WINDSOR AVENUE
WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

1) CALL TO ORDER

The June 22, 2005 regular meeting of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Lee Paslaski
Violet Nahabedian
Nellie Holmes-Mason

Guests:

Carolyn Polkey
Bradshaw Smith
Jim Hallisey

Frank Jacobs, Chairperson arrived at 7:08 p.m.

2) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Bradshaw Smith noted that the concerns noted in his correspondence dated February 16, 2005 to Frank Jacobs as Chairperson of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee have not been addressed. The concerns involved the lack of maintenance of Town property in the Wilson and Deerfield neighborhoods. Hallisey indicated he would follow up with the Public Works Department.

3) REPORTS

Hallisey reported the following:

DIAL-A-RIDE

* (In response to an inquiry as to what transportation services were available to seniors) - Dial-a-Ride is available to seniors for specific purposes – local medical appointments, hair appointments, grocery shopping and a scheduled trip to Wal-Mart. Carolyn Polkey added that, in addition, the senior center coordinates volunteer efforts to transport seniors to out of town medical appointments. Seven days notice is required of the later. A \$25 per year donation is requested from seniors utilizing this service.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES

* The condition of the property situated at 38 East Wolcott Avenue was discussed. It was noted that the Health Department has issued an order to bring the property into compliance with the property maintenance code. Hallisey indicated he would look into what assistance might be available, if any, through Social Services. In response to a request for an update on the Metropolitan District Commission's schedule for slated improvements it was noted that neither Public Works or the Engineering Departments have specific information but a meeting is slated for June 29th with various parties to discuss the particulars.

LITTER – 330 WINDSOR AVENUE

* The concern regarding litter at the exterior of 330 Windsor Avenue appears to have been addressed, albeit temporarily. The Recreation staff has had PAL participant help out and the Recreation staff has seasonal help that has been taking care of litter.

20 WINDSOR AVENUE

* Matter in court/numerous continuances preventing enforcement of landscaping issue;

* Zoning text amendment went to public hearing. Hallisey indicated that he had submitted a memo, which was distributed for review, suggesting that the allowable number of vehicles be relative to the size of the parcel and that the regulation speak to the total number of unregistered vehicles allowed on site (as opposed to vehicles for sale). TPZ took no action but apparently directed staff to work with the applicant to amend language of proposal.

WILSON BRANCH LIBRARY

* Asbestos tile at side of building (Fanueil Street side) being removed.

* Exploring funding opportunities for possible expansion of use of meeting room as a computer center.

MDC SCHEDULE

* Public Works/Engineering have no schedule as yet. Meeting w/MDC slated for 6/29 to discuss particulars.

* (In response to inquiry raised at the May WDAC meeting) – The Caring Connection is currently serving 64 clients, 38-40 per day. Changes daily.

* Impact Day – Deloitte & Touche provided 173 volunteers to work at the Caring Connection on a recent weekend. The painted gym & classrooms, work in bathrooms brick patio and a raised stone therapeutic garden, spread mulch at Sharshon Pak and planted flowers and shrubs near bridge leading to the park.

SASSPORTAS PROPERTY (COREY STREET & WINDSOR AVENUE)

* Application submitted to TPZ. It was lacking plans and, therefore, not accepted as yet. It is anticipated that TPZ will accept the application at their July meeting.

HOPEWALL BAPTIST CARNIVAL

* Seeking special permit at July TPZ meeting. To be held 8/17-8-20.

WILSON FIRE DEPARTMENT CARNIVAL

* To be held 7/21-7/23.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

* Performed a systematic sweep for junk cars resulting in the removal of approx. 100 vehicles south of Rood Avenue. An additional 117 unregistered vehicles have been identified and letter will be sent out shortly to the property owners involved.

* The Police Department substation slated to open at 330 Windsor Avenue is not open as yet. Apparently they are waiting for doors, locks, etc.

BUS SHELTER

* Funding request pending. Suggestions for locations are welcome.

4) NEW BUSINESS

NONE

5) OLD BUSINESS

Wilson/Deerfield Neighborhood Strategy

A revised summary of the survey results were distributed for discussion. It was noted that 300 surveys were mailed out and just over 100 responses were returned.

Hallisey represented that he would distribute census data, copies of the draft neighborhood strategy prepared by Patrick McMahon and copies of the report of the Wilson neighborhood prepared by Dean Amadon. He suggested that the Committee identify goals that they would like to see incorporated into the strategy, noting that they could range from the relatively simple and attainable steps to long range goals that are dependent on resources from outside the Town of Windsor.

6) MISCELLANEOUS

* There was a lively discussion about the ongoing issue with stray shopping carts. It was noted that letters had gone out under the Town Manager's signature encouraging businesses to take a proactive effort to address the ongoing problems with shopping carts taken from businesses and left throughout the neighborhood.

* A question arose as the status of the redevelopment parcel. It was reported that the Town intends to extend the time period stipulated in the current "Exclusive Right To Negotiate" until some time in late July in order to attempt to work through some of the unresolved terms.

* A concern pertaining to the amount of roadside litter at Exit 35B (I-91) was shared.

7) ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

James J. Hallisey
Community Development Coordinator