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WILSON DEERFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M.
APRIL 26, 2005
COMMUNITY ROOM
WINDSOR COMMUNITY CENTER
330 WINDSOR AVENUE
WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

1) CALL TO ORDER

The April 26th meeting of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:04 by Chairman Frank Jacobs.

Members Present

Frank Jacobs, Chairman
Donna Mucha
Lee Paslaski
Violet Nahabedian
Shirley Morrison
Nellie Holmes Mason

Guests

Eric Barz
Janice Nolan
Carolyn Polkey
Jim Hallisey

2) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

3) NEW BUSINESS

Jim Hallisey introduced Eric Barz who was recently hired to fill the position of Mario Zavarella who retired as Town Planner after 36 years. Eric commenced His professional career here in Windsor as Assistant Town Planner. He worked here for 7 years and subsequently worked as Town Planner in Canton and then Planimetrics, a consulting firm. It was further noted that while working for Planimetrics, Eric was largely responsible for the compilation of the Town's most recent Plan of Conservation and Development. It was noted, for background information, that municipalities in Connecticut are required to have a "Plan of Conservation and Development" and update date it at least every 10 years. The document is intended to guide the development of the Town and provide a

blueprint for growth. Hallisey distributed excerpts from the "Plan" asked Eric to expand upon the goals specific to Wilson.

Eric went over the material in the Plan of Development that had particular relevance to Wilson. He stressed that of the recommendations set forth for Wilson two were key. One involved the creation of a "Village District". This would allow the Town to establish design standards for the neighborhood, which an effective tool to ensure that new development is compatible with that which is existing.

The second point Eric made was the need to rezone targeted properties. He noted that there is a disincentive to maintain residential properties situated in a commercial zone. Several specific areas of land have been identified and zone changes recommended.

4) OLD BUSINESS

None

5) MISCELLANEOUS

Hallisey reported the following:

The main branch of the library is temporarily closed so as to allow staff to relocate from their temporary space at the Aglow building. The Wilson Branch is experiencing dramatically increased patronage.

The Health Department will be interviewing candidates for the position of Sanitarian which has been vacant for several months. Once filled, the Health Department will be in a better position, from a resource perspective, to address outstanding property code issues.

The Metropolitan District Commission has recommenced the work along Wilson Ave., Windsor Avenue and Sinclair that was started last year. MDC project staff are hoping for completion by the end of May or early June.

The Police Department has received a number of complaints involving young adults attending the Hartford magnet school situated in the Meadow Road property formerly occupied by BESBE. There have been a few incidents, but a number of calls are simply due to the large number of kids in the area. Chief Searles indicated that for the most part the kids are fine but a large number of kids

can give the perception of trouble. Nonetheless, He indicated that residents should feel free to contact the Police if they have any concerns.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The April 26, 2006 meeting of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Hallisey, The Office of Community Development