

REGULAR MEETING
WILSON/DEERFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006
WINDSOR COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMUNITY ROOM
330 WINDSOR AVENUE
WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

1) CALL TO ORDER

Members Present

Frank Jacobs, Chairperson
Lee Paslaski
Nellie Holmes Mason
Randy Graff
Vi Nahabedian

Guests

Janice Nolan
Bradshaw Smith
Carolyn Polkey
Jackie Bokun
Jim Hallisey

David and Lorretta Raney arrived at approx. 8:05 p.m.

2) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

3) NEW BUSINESS

Copies of the list of projects included in both the (adopted) FY 2006-2011 and the (draft) FY 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Plan were distributed for review. The list included in both plans were read. Two (2) concerns were noted 1) the fact that the draft 2007-2012 plan does not propose any improvements to the Wilson Branch Library and 2) the design for the improvements to the Route 159 median has been pushed out to 2009.

Randy Graff, who serves as Chairperson of the Capital Improvement Committee, as well as a member of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee, provided background on the process that leads up to the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan. It was noted that the Committee works with staff to make a recommendation to Council. The Capital Improvement Committee's role is to prioritize projects based on need. The Committee a total expenditure figure that will not require more than 8% of the Town's budget for debt service. This figure is one factor in determining the Town's bond rating which effectively dictates the cost of borrowing money.

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Jim Hallisey noted that Bradshaw Smith had submitted two (2) memos to Chairman Frank Jacobs noting concerns that have been brought up repeatedly but not addressed (copies of which are attached).

The concerns raised were:

- A) Vines in amongst the landscaping at the Stroh Park/Wilson Congregational Church site. It was noted that this complaint has been directed to the Public Works Department and will be again.
- B) Infrastructure, i.e. bus shelter, at 53 Deerfield Rd. damaged during construction of a home on the property

Hallisey noted that an insurance claim has been filed and the shelter has either been ordered or purchased. The installation will take place sometime this summer.

- C) Grading in Route 159 at the vicinity of 399 Windsor Ave.

Hallisey noted that he spoke to Tom Roy at MDC, who is the project manager for the construction taking place on Windsor Ave, and was informed that work will commence in approx. 2 weeks and should be complete by the end of May.

- D) The impending sale of the existing commuter lot

Hallisey noted that Town staff has met with officials from the Capital Region Council of Governments and CT Transit to discuss several alternate sites. There appears to be a focus on the Hopewell Baptist Church lot and DOT staff has met with representatives from the church. Frank Jacobs, who is a member of Hopewell Baptist, indicated that the the church was waiting to hear from CT Transit.

- E) Windsor Automotive – ongoing zoning violations

It was noted that the Town Attorney had recently contacted the judge handling this matter requesting a date certain. It as further noted that a printout of the case from the court's web-site shows approx. 9 different court dates.

F) Weeds in median

Matter to be referred to the referred to the DPW.

G. Sharshon Park – Concern about crevices between the concrete channel (Decker's Brook) and the adjacent slopes.

It was reported that these have been filled with trap rock.

H) Trash along fence between the Wilson Deerfield Apartments and the Windsor Shopping Center

Matter to be reported to Health Department for enforcement under the Town's Property Maintenance Ordinance.

I. Shopping cart problem continues

It was noted that upcoming changes to CT Transit's route into the shopping center will hopefully limit the number of carts leaving the site.

J. Globe and bushes at the intersection of Windsor Avenue and Deerfield

To be reported to Public Works.

K. MDC water line replacement. It was noted that, according to Tom Roy at the MDC, work should recommence in two weeks and be complete by the end of May. They are planning to pave "curb to curb" and restore the median to "original or better condition".

L. Redevelopment Parcel – The lack of progress regarding the Wilson redevelopment parcel was discussed.

L. Status of Hopewell Baptist Church construction. Hallisey responded that Hopewell has until September 30th, 2006 to complete the site work (pavement and planting)

Report

Hallisey indicated that much of what he intended to report on has been addressed by way of his comments on Mr. Smith's correspondence. The following

Technology has come to Wilson in the form of a fax machine at the Wilson Branch Library.

Tax preparation assistance is still available at the Wilson Branch Library.

A specialty grocer is filling the space formerly occupied by Desi Bazaar.

5) OLD BUSINESS

None

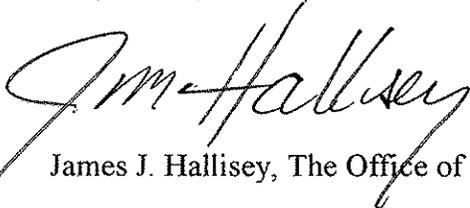
6) MISCELLANEOUS

It was reported that there is no longer an application date for Community Development Block Grant – Small Cities Program. Applications are accepted at any time of the year. It was further noted that the Town of Windsor has two (2) active grants; one for housing rehabilitation and one for the reconstruction of Pleasant Street. The Town needs to commit spend down funds on Pleasant Street before submitting another application.

7) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Nellie Holmes Mason, and seconded by Lee Paslaski, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James J. Hallisey, The Office of Community Development