

REGULAR MEETING
WILSON/DEERFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2006
WINDSOR COMMUNITY CENTER
330 WINDSOR AVENUE
WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

1) CALL TO ORDER

The October 25, 2006 regular meeting of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee (WDAC) was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Frank Jacobs, its Chairman.

Members Present:

Lee Paslaski
Frank Jacobs
Nellie Holmes-Mason
Randall Graff

Guests:

Janice Nolan
Bradshaw Smith
Carolyn Polkey
Jim Hallisey

2) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Bradshaw Smith noted that neither the minutes nor the agenda were available on-line or at the Town Clerk's Office. Hallisey indicated that the minutes were only recently completed and apologized for any inconvenience.

It was further noted that, subsequent to the previous meeting of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee meeting at which a concern was raised that the improvements proposed for I-91 will involve property takings, Mr. Smith confirmed that there were no takings proposed.

Mr. Smith also noted that while the Town Manager had indicated that he would be seeking public input regarding improvements to the Korean War Veteran Memorial situated at the north end of Deerfield Avenue, this has not happened.

3) REPORTS

Hallisey reported the following:

Follow up from concerns raised at the last meeting of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee:

Proposed I-91 Improvements - The proposed improvements to I-91, from Capen Street to the footbridge over the highway in Hartford, are confined to existing ROW. No takings involved. Confirmed by Tom Lenehan, Town Engineer

Corey Street - DOT did look at the intersection of Corey Street and Windsor Avenue as a potential location for a traffic signal. They determined that it did not warrant a signal based on evaluation criteria (traffic count, # of accidents, etc.).

Maintenance of Public Property - The Town does currently main the flower pots in Windsor Center. The first year they were installed the Garden Club took care of them. The public works director is of the opinion that his crew puts an equal amount of time into maintaining the Wilson neighborhood as the Center.

Other items of note:

White Rock Drive - The replacement of the culvert under White Rock Drive is behind schedule. The Town Engineer has been in contact with the contractor, Old Colony Construction. While the installation of the culvert is anticipated to take place this year, it cannot be guaranteed.

Bus shelter - Neiditz, the managing partner of the Windsor Shopping Center, has indicated that he no longer wishes to have CT Transit travel through the shopping center parking lot. This is after the preparation of a site plan, securing a modification to the existing site plan through the Planning Office, preparing a license agreement, working with CT Transit to ensure that they were on board, and Neiditz requested permission from all of his tenants

Wilson Branch Library - John Clark is under contract and the design of the proposed vestibule is in progress. Also, Trinity Methodist Church members have taken on the Library as a cause and is involved with a number of improvements there.

20 Windsor Avenue - Windsor Automotive, which has a history of non-compliance with the zoning regulations, remains closed. The vehicles are slowly departing.

Road Improvements - Hayes Drive has recently been reconstructed, including curb replacement.

Crime Stats - Crime statistics and traffic stop data for streets in portions of Deerfield and Wilson were passed around to give those in attendance a feel for the level of police activity in the area.

Redevelopment Parcel - Jim Burke is working with Urban Land Institute to perform a site assessment. As proposed, members of the organization from this general geographical area would visit the site, review information provided to them and make a recommendation as to the most desirable and feasible reuse of the parcel.

Sassportas' Project (Windsor Avenue/Corey Street) - Construction on both the commercial and residential components of this project are moving forward.

Hopewell Baptist Church – The Hopewell Baptist Church has secured an extension of one year for completion of site work (parking lot and lighting). They are also installing a play area for day care activities.

4) NEW BUSINESS

None

5) OLD BUSINESS

After a brief discussion, Randall Graff moved to recommend that the Council take some sort of action to alleviate the problems with abandon shopping carts as the present situation constitutes an eyesore and is a burden on the Public Works Department. Seconded by Lee Paslaski, the motion passed 4-0-0.

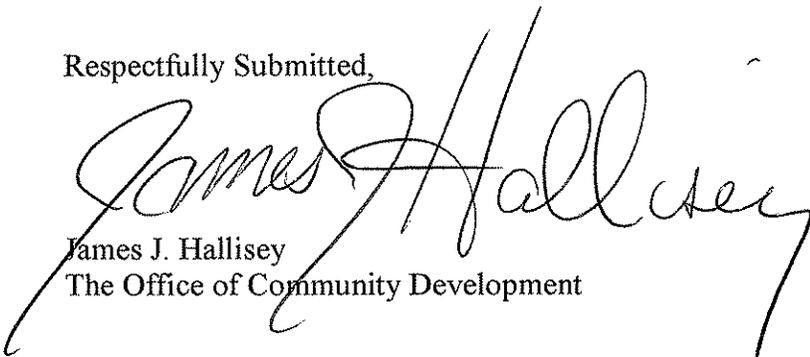
6) MISCELLANEOUS

Bradshaw Smith inquired as to whether the results of the citizen survey the Town will be sending out shortly will be available for the next meeting of the WDAC.

7) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Randall Graff, and seconded by Frank Jacobs, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. (4-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,


James J. Hallisey
The Office of Community Development