

**WILSON DEERFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(WDAC)
Regular Meeting
192 Windsor Ave.
7:00 PM
July 25, 2024**

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Alvin Bingham, Kathleen Woodward, Debbie Baker, Karen Zak, Jenn Czelazewicz, Ken Resol, Lakisha Hyatt.

Members Absent: Carolyn Joseph, Charles Jackson

Staff Present: Flavia Rey de Castro, Community Development Specialist; Patrick McMahon, Economic Development Director

Guests: Richard Hallgren

1) CALL TO ORDER

Bingham called the meeting to order at 7:07PM

2) PUBLIC COMMENT - None

3) ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Woodward announced that she would be participating on a community event to take place on July 27 at Goslee Pool. She requested assistance with outreach. She explained it was a family event and that it would include printing activities, face painting, and arts and crafts activities. Resol indicated he might be able to bring a fire truck to the event.

4) STAFF REPORTS

McMahon provided economic and community development updates related to the Wilson and Deerfield neighborhoods. In regards to Windsor Shops, he noted that Florette Caribbean Restaurant had already opened. He also indicated that the space formerly used by Asia 2000 was still vacant. Zak asked McMahon to find out what the business hours for Giovanni's would be.

He provided updates for the Wilson Park noting that the timeline for the park opening would be the summer of 2025. Bingham asked if any abatement needed to be done. McMahon indicated he didn't think so but that he would check with the Engineering Department and follow up.

McMahon informed committee members that the town had received state funds for development work at the former Stanadyne site. These include \$2M for remediation work and \$200K for further assessment. He indicated that there had been an event with state officials to on July 24 to announce the grant awards.

He also reminded the group that the Collective Space would be hosting an event, the "Community Wellness Crawl" on July 27. He indicated that this was a health and wellness event.

He explained that the town was looking into updating their Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and that staff was in the process of procuring for planning firms. He indicated that the goal was for the plan to be fully updated by October of 2025. He noted that the POCD is required by the State, clarified that there are no reporting requirements in the implementation of this plan, and explained that having a plan in place makes the town eligible to apply for state discretionary funds.

McMahon then mentioned a few pending items from prior meetings. These included the scheduling of recreation department staff on the December regular meeting to get input on possible programming for the Wilson Park and the town-wide inventory of bus shelters for replacement.

McMahon asked Baker to update the group on the Riverfront property. She explained that on September 28 the organization would reveal their master plan for the property and that this event would be opened to the public.

7) APPROVAL OF 5/23/24 MEETING MINUTES

Zak made a motion to accepted minutes. Woodward seconded. Motion passed.7.0.0

8) ADJOURNMENT

Hyatt made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:12pm. Zak seconded.