

**WILSON DEERFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(WDAC)**

Special Meeting
Hybrid
Windsor Town Hall
Rose Room
7:00 PM
January 25, 2024

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Alvin Bingham, Carolyn Joseph, Karen Zak, Deborah Baker, Charles Jackson, Jennifer Czelazewicz. Ken Rosol.

Members Absent: Lakisha Hyatt, Kathleen Woodward.

Staff Present: Patrick McMahon, Economic Development Director; Paul Norris, Recreation and Leisure Services Director.

Public Present: William Pelkey.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Zak called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

2) PUBLIC COMMENT - None

3) ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bingham raised concerns about the enforcement of the town's winter parking ban. Suggestions were made to intensify police enforcement including increased patrolling. Additionally, concerns were raised about the potential driving hazard caused by cars being parked on Deerfield Ave. at night time. Jackson also expressed his continued concern about 11 Wilson Avenue including the trash generated by activities at this location.

4) STAFF REPORTS

McMahon gave updates on the development efforts in Wilson and Deerfield. These included the redevelopment of 29 Windsor Ave. and subsequent relocation of Violet Street, the environmental assessment activities for the former Stanadyne property on Deerfield Ave., the Keeney Park study and its connectivity to the Riverfront Recapture site, the progress on bus shelter repairs in the Wilson and Deerfield neighborhoods, the Riverfront Recapture redevelopment efforts, and the town's efforts to update its Plan of Conservation and Development.

5) DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Review and adopt annual meeting schedule for 2025

The proposed schedule was reviewed and approved by the committee.

b) Conversation with Recreation Department about programs at Wilson Park

Norris was introduced by McMahon. Norris thanked the committee for the invitation and noted their input was coming at good timing as the Recreation Department was in the process of making programming plans for the park. He indicated that the Wilson Park is scheduled to open sometime during the summer of 2025. Committee members expressed interest in having food trucks at the park. Norris requested and noted committee member recommendations of specific vendors. WDAC members also suggested creating and making public a calendar of events specific for the park. Questions were also raised about the system of reserving different sections of the park. Norris indicated these would mimic current procedures for reserving other public spaces. Committee members also recommended having opportunities for performances by musicians. Norris requested and noted suggestions of specific performers. Norris encouraged WDAC members to contact him should they have further thoughts or suggestions.

** Paul Norris can be reached via email at norris@townofwindsorct.com and by phone at 860-285-1997*

5) APPROVAL OF 9/26/24 MEETING MINUTES

Baker moved to approve 9/26/24 minutes. Zak seconded. Motion passed unanimously

5) ADJOURNMENT

Zak moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm.