

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #3606
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
7th FLOOR LAND USE CONFERENCE AREA
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT

Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Theresa Dell, Claire Fishman, Roger Quick, Michael Totilo, Jay Tepper and Zbigniew Naumowicz. Present for staff was Todd Dumais.

Regular Meeting

The chair, Mrs. Dell, opened the regular meeting at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Dell then announced that due to a scheduling conflict, the first three items on the agenda;

ZB Appl. 210-49 – Zoning Map Amendment – Stamford Health System, Inc., 49 Wright Street, to rezone approximately 5,189 s.f. of land currently zoned R-5 (Multiple Family, Medium Density Design District) to HCDD (Hospital Complex Design District)

ZB Appl. 210-50 – Modification to General Development Plan (GDP) - Stamford Health Systems, 30 Shelburne Avenue, seeking change to Condition 7 of previously approved General Development Plan (GDP) for Stamford Hospital Campus expansion to include an additional 5,189 s.f. parcel of land on the West side of Wright Street and a land triangle on the East side of Spruce Street and modification of GDP related to generators.

ZB Appl. 210-51 – FINAL Site & Architectural Plan – STAMFORD HEALTH SYSTEM, INC., 30 Shelburne Road, requesting final site plan approval for Phase 1 of the Stamford Hospital Expansion on its approximately 30 acre campus. Phase 1 improvements include construction of the basement and first four levels of the Specialty Building (283,404 s.f.), construction of the new Central Utility Plant (33,500 s.f.) and parking lot, driveway and landscaping improvements.

would not be heard this evening and that the Board would discuss applications at its next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2011.

Mrs. Dell then announced the Mayor's Proposed Capital Budget was released and asked for a motion from the floor to add the item for discussion purposes only to the agenda. Mr. Totilo moved to add the discussion to the agenda. Mr. Tepper seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with the eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Totilo, Quick, and Tepper).

Mayor's Proposed Capital Budget

Mr. Dumais distributed a copy of the Mayor's Proposed Capital Budget and presented a brief overview. He explained that he only received a copy late in the afternoon and hadn't had a chance to thoroughly review the document. He noted, however, that the Planning Board's recommendation was cut to 20 million and touched upon a number of areas that were cut.

The Board then went through each project and compared the Mayor's proposal to their recommendations and project rankings. Mr. Tepper asked Mr. Dumais if he could identify any projects that were cut that would result in a loss of Federal or State Funding. Mr. Dumais explained that the Real Time Bus Schedule project was an 80% Federal funds so the City would lose that money. He noted that he had not had enough time to review the Board of Education projects to see if any State Grants would be lost due to the cuts.

Members of the Board had specific questions regarding cuts to the Housing Development Fund, the Ferguson Library and Board of Education projects. They noted that several of the cuts seemed to be for specific amounts and wanted to staff to find out from the administration what the cuts were based on.

Mr. Dumais noted that the most of the Mayor's cuts were lower ranked projects by the Planning Board and that most of their top projects survived. He also read the statement from the Mayor's transmittal message in which he thanked the Board for their "diligent efforts and valuable work" in developing the Budget.

Mrs. Dell stated that, as a Board, we need to have Fred Flynn and Peter Privetera explain the specifics of the Mayor's Budget. She added that if we are given a budget request of 100 million at the start and it is cut so drastically, the department's should adjust their request to be more realistic. Mrs. Dell then stated that the process needs to be improved next year.

Planning Board Meeting Minutes:

Meeting of 1/25/11, Mr. Totilo moved approval of the minutes. Mrs. Fishman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with the eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Fishman, Totilo, Tepper, Quick and Naumowicz).

Meeting of 3/1/11, Mrs. Fishman moved approval of the minutes. Mr. Naumowicz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with the eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Totilo, Quick and Naumowicz).

New Business

Mr. Dumais announced that there would be a meeting next week. He also informed the Board that the Downtown Special Services District and the URC had completed a Land Use Study of the Downtown which proposes changes to both the Master Plan and the Zoning regulations. He added that it is the DSSD's and URC's intention to have a joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board to initially present the study.

Mr. Tepper provided a SWRPA update and suggested that SWRPA not be forgotten about as a resource for the City in terms of GIS and Traffic Planning capabilities.

Mrs. Dell announced that Robin's retirement part was scheduled for May 5th and that the Board would be receiving save-the-date notice.

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Dell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Fishman, Secretary
Stamford Planning Board

Note: These proceedings were recorded on tape and are available for review in the Land Use Bureau located on the 7th floor of Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, during regular business hours.