

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING #3316  
FEBRUARY 5, 2002  
4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CAFETERIA, GOVERNMENT CENTER  
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT

Present for the Board were: Duane Hill, Chairman; Marggie Laurie; John Garnjost; Rose Grosso; Helane Rheingold; and Claire Fishman. Present for staff: Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Hill opened the hearing at 7:30 pm.

**2002/2003 Capital Budget 2003-2009 Capital Plan**

Mrs. Laurie read the legal notice and Mr. Hill explained the procedure for the meeting.

**Ferguson Library:**

Steve Klinger spoke for the Springdale Neighborhood Association in support of an expanded Weed Branch Library facility. He was joined by eight neighbors who expressed the importance of the branch for the neighborhood and cited overcrowding at the present library, lack of space for events such as concerts and the effect of overcrowding on seniors and students.

Don Sherer, member of the Board of Representatives from the 18<sup>th</sup> District, said Springdale is a model neighborhood and the Weed Branch is a key component of that neighborhood. He said funding for the branch is needed now.

Carmen Domonkos spoke in support of the Weed expansion. She said it will support a children's wing and that renovation cannot wait until 2005. She quoted the draft Master Plan regarding community facility linkages.

**Board of Education:**

Chris Cutter, Athletic Director at Westhill High School, spoke in support of renovation of the athletic field with artificial turf.

Principal Margolis of Northeast Elementary School thanked the Board for its commitment to that school's renovation.

The president of the Rogers School PTO and four other parents of children at Rogers spoke in support of Rogers' renovation. Also mentioned was the need for a new middle school.

Alex Martinez, Board of Education member, spoke in support of a new middle school. The public hearing was adjourned at 8:45 PM and Mr. Hill opened the regular meeting.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Referral:**

**ZBA Appl. 016-02 Icon Identity Solutions**, requesting Variance of Section 13, Subsection O, Paragraph (1) and Paragraph (2) to install 3 identical signs on buildings 100 and 300 at 151 Greenwich Avenue (First Stamford Place) in the C-I Intermediate Commercial District.

There was concern that this is an excessive request and that approval would set a dangerous precedent. On a motion by Mr. Garnjost, seconded by Mrs. Grosso, the Board voted unanimously to recommend denial. (H.R., M.L., D.H., J.G., and R.G. voting)

Minutes for Approval

#3314 – January 8, 2002 - unanimously approved. Mrs. Fishman voted and Mrs. Rheingold did not vote.

New Business: It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on February 12, 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maggie Laurie, Secretary  
Stamford Planning Board

Note: These proceedings were recorded on tape and are available for review during regular business hours.