

**DRAFT
CITY OF NORWALK
PLANNING COMMISSION
September 20, 2016**

PRESENT: Fran DiMeglio, acting as Chair; George Tsiranides; Walter McLaughlin; Steven Ferguson David Davidson; Nora King (arrived late)

STAFF: Dori Wilson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DiMeglio called the meeting to order at 9:24 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Wilson called the roll.

III. REPORT OF LAND USE COMMITTEE, Fran DiMeglio, Chair

Referrals – Report & recommendation

a) Zoning Commission referral - #6-16R - Norwalk Land Development LLC - Proposed amendments to Article 121 regarding Mixed use retail shopping center signs in Reed Putnam Design District Subarea A

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED:** to table this application to next meeting in October.

Mr. McLaughlin seconded.

Fran DiMeglio; George Tsiranides; Walter McLaughlin; Steven Ferguson David Davidson; Nora King voted in favor.

No one opposed.

No one abstained.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 16, 2016

Ms. DiMeglio moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2016, as modified by Mr. Davidson as follows: III(b) “Mr. Davidson indicated that, notwithstanding the wonderful work The Carver Center does, he voted against the quit claim proposal believing that the building lease should be incorporated into the 99 year land lease, providing The Carver Center 56 years of assured use.”

**Fran DiMeglio; George Tsiranides; Walter McLaughlin; Steven Ferguson
David Davidson; Nora King voted in favor.
No one opposed.
No one abstained.**

V. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ms. DiMeglio announced the names of those on the Nominating Committee as Mr. Astrom requested. This committee would consist of Ms. DiMeglio, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Ferguson. They would have a slate of nominees at the next meeting.

VI. COMMENTS OF THE SR. PLANNER

She had no comments. They thanked her for her hard work.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Ferguson had comments about the meeting with the Corporation Counsel the evening before this one. There was a question about whether the commissioners should speak on the record during the Planning Commission. Much of their discussions about the applications was done at the committee level. There was a discussion as to how the commissioners would vote before the resolution was voted on.

Ms. King then discussed issues that she had on the SoNo collection sign application. She was afraid that it would hurt Norwalk in a few years. Ms. Wilson reminded her that they should not rehash the issue.

Mr. Davidson requested staff to look at 2 issues: (1) Sustainable guidelines for the rest of the city; (2) impact fees that some cities have considered.

There was then a discussion of the Land Use and Subdivision minutes and whether the commissioners should receive a copy of them. They do not approve them.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. McLaughlin made a Motion to Adjourn
Mr. Davidson seconded.
Fran DiMeglio; George Tsiranides; Walter McLaughlin; Steven Ferguson
David Davidson; Nora King voted in favor.
No one opposed.
No one abstained.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,
Diana Palmentiero