

**DRAFT  
CITY OF NORWALK  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
September 8, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Torgny Astrom, Chair; Frances DiMeglio; Joel Zaremby; Victor Cavallo; Steven Ferguson

**STAFF:** Michael Greene; Frank Strauch

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Astrom called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Greene called the roll.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a) Subdivision # 3637 – 35 Meeker Court, LLC – 35 Meeker Court – 4 Lots (Postponed until October 13<sup>th</sup>)

**IV. REPORT OF LAND USE COMMITTEE, Fran DiMeglio, Chair**

**Referrals – Report & recommendation**

- a) **8-24 Review – Law Department – Proposed easement between the City and the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency for 30 parking spaces within the parking lot located behind the Norwalk Police Facility**

There was a lengthy discussion on this matter. Mr. Cavallo had concerns about the purchase of the buildings being a done deal, not being told things and that there was not a sale price for the building. He also had concerns about the fact that the city had not given the parking spaces in years prior, instead of now. He was concerned about the amount of money that was about to be spent. He said he was against the resolution.

Pursuant to Chapter 126, Sec.§8-24 of the Connecticut General Statues, the Planning Commission took **NO ACTION** in regards to the request by the Law Department Proposed easement between the City and the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency for 30 parking spaces within the parking lot located behind the Norwalk Police Facility.

Mr. Zaremby wondered if they should suspend the committee because Mr. Cavallo votes against it. Although he is entitled to his opinion, he said that Mr. Cavallo worried about the Land Use Committee in the press and then he bashes it internally.

b) **8-24 Review – Land Use and Building Management Committee of the Norwalk Common Council– Request to deed two City Properties abutting Oak Hills Park as parkland**

**\*\* MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED: BE IT RESOLVED RESOLVED** by the Norwalk Planning Commission in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the referral made by the Building and Facilities Manager, on behalf of Land Use and Building Management Committee that the request to deed two City Properties abutting Oak Hills Park as parkland be **APPROVED** with the following comments:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the reasons for this action are:

- 1) To implement the Plan of Conservation and Development goal to "Protect property values." (A.1.1.5 p. 10); and
- 2) To implement the Plan of Conservation and Development goal to "Maintain a standard of twelve acres of parkland per one thousand people as a guideline for acquiring parkland and identify new lands for park acquisition to meet this objective." (C.1.3.4 p. 24); and
- 3) To implement the Plan of Conservation and Development goal to "Provide a greater diversity of recreation facilities and programs to meet the needs of all user groups, including new facilities for supervised recreation for young people." (C.3.1. p. 26); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of this action be forwarded to the Common Council.

**Mr. Ferguson seconded.**

**Torgny Astrom, Frances DiMeglio; Joel Zaremby; Victor Cavallo; Steve Ferguson, voted in favor.**

**No one opposed.**

**No one abstained.**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 11, 2015**

**Mr. Astrom moved** to approve the minutes as revised

**Mr. Ferguson seconded.**

**Torgny Astrom; Frances DiMeglio; Joel Zaremby; Victor Cavallo; Steve Ferguson, in favor.**

**No one opposed.**

**No one abstained.**

**VI. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominating committee would be comprised of Mr. Astrom, Ms. DiMeglio and Mr. Ferguson

**VII. DISCUSSION OF MEETING TIMES**

Mr. Astrom noted that recently the commissioners had been asked to start their meetings earlier because of the Common Council's meeting and its agenda. Some commissioners suggested meeting earlier on the nights that it was asked, or meeting on separate nights for committee meetings. Mr. Greene suggested meeting on a different Tuesday night, when the Common Council does not meet.

**VIII. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Greene began the presentation by orienting the commissioners as to the location of 2 separate areas where the construction of housing units were being proposed, on Glover Avenue and North Avenue. The commissioners would see the applications in October.

**IX. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Ferguson mentioned that he had been appointed to the Board of Side by Side so he might have to miss some of the Capital Budget meetings because of when they met.

The commissioners also asked about Mr. McLaughlin.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Zaremby made a Motion to Adjourn.  
Ms. DiMeglio seconded.  
Torgny Astrom, Frances DiMeglio; Victor Cavallo; Joel Zaremby;  
Steve Ferguson, in favor.  
No one opposed.  
No one abstained.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Palmentiero