

**CITY OF NORWALK
PLANNING COMMISSION
April 18, 2017**

PRESENT: Frances DiMeglio, Chair; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin; David Davidson; Nora King

STAFF: Steve Kleppin; Frank Strauch

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DiMeglio called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kleppin called the roll.

III. REPORT OF SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE, Walter Chair

a) Subdivision #3611 – William English, Properties, LLC – 8 Charcoal Road – Request to have maintenance bond returned

***** MR. MCLAUGHLIN MOVED: BE IT RESOLVED** by the Norwalk Planning Commission that the request to release the surety held on Subdivision # 3611 – MacDow – 8 Charcoal Road – 2 Lots – Request for return of maintenance bond be **APPROVED** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this approval shall be April 28, 2017.

Mr. Dunne seconded.

Frances DiMeglio; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin; David Davidson; Nora King

No one opposed.

No one abstained.

**IV. REPORT OF LAND USE COMMITTEE, Steven Ferguson, Chair
Referrals – Report & recommendation**

a) 8-24 Review - Department of Public Works – Review of Safe Routes To Schools Program (and Transportation Master Plan Implementation funding - Acct. #C0514) – Installation of new sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, curbing, etc. along Highland Avenue from Knollwood Road to Witch Lane including Roton Middle School

***** MR. FERGUSON MOVED: BE IT RESOLVED** by the Norwalk Planning Commission in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the referral made by the Department of Public Works – Review of Safe Routes To Schools Program (and Transportation Master Plan Implementation funding - Acct. #C0514) – Installation of new sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, curbing, etc. along Highland Avenue from Knollwood Road to Witch Lane including Roton Middle School 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 "Provide a safe and efficient vehicular transportation system. (E.3.1. p. 37); and
2. To implement the Plan of Conservation and Development goal to "Support the Transportation Improvement Program projects." (E.3.4.2. p. 38); and
3. To implement the Plan of Conservation and Development goal to "Upgrade sidewalks along major roads." (F.4.2.3. p. 44); and

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

Mr. Davidson seconded.

Frances DiMeglio; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin; David Davidson; Nora King

No one opposed.

No one abstained.

b) 8-24 Review - Department of Public Works – Review of SoNo Streetscape Project (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) funding and Transportation Master Plan Implementation funding - Acct. #C0514) – Installation of sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, granite curbing, etc. along Washington Street and surrounding adjacent streets

***** MR. FERGUSON MOVED: BE IT RESOLVED** by the Norwalk Planning Commission in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the referral made by the Department of Public Works – Review of SoNo Streetscape Project (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) funding and Transportation Master Plan Implementation funding - Acct. #C0514) – Installation of sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, granite curbing, etc. along Washington Street and surrounding adjacent streets 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 " Improve and maintain essential infrastructure to retain and attract desirable businesses opportunities." (A.1.2.5. p. 10); and

2. To implement the Plan of Conservation and Development goal to "Provide a safe and efficient vehicular transportation system. (E.3.1. p. 37); and

3. To implement the Plan of Conservation and Development goal to "Support the Transportation Improvement Program projects." (E.3.4.2. p. 38); and

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

Mr. McLaughlin seconded.

Frances DiMeglio; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin; David Davidson; Nora King

No one opposed.

No one abstained.

c) 8-24 Review - Department of Public Works – Traffic signal improvements at various locations

***** MR. FERGUSON MOVED: BE IT RESOLVED** by the Norwalk Planning Commission in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the referral made by the Department of Public Works – Review of Safe Routes To Schools Program (and Transportation Master Plan Implementation funding - Acct. #C0514) – Installation of new sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, curbing, etc. along Highland Avenue from Knollwood Road to Witch Lane including Roton Middle School be **APPROVED** with the following comments:

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3. To implement the Plan of Conservation and Development goal to "Upgrade sidewalks along major roads." (F.4.2.3. p. 44); and

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

**Mr. Davidson seconded.
Frances DiMeglio; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin;
David Davidson; Nora King
No one opposed.
No one abstained.**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Subdivision: March 21, 2017; Land Use: March 21, 2017; Planning:

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED** to approve the Subdivision minutes of March 21, 2017.

**Mr. McLaughlin seconded.
Frances DiMeglio; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin;
David Davidson; voted in favor.
No one opposed.
Nora King abstained.**

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED** to approve the Land Use minutes of March 21, 2017.

**Mr. Ferguson seconded.
Frances DiMeglio; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin;
David Davidson; voted in favor.
No one opposed.
Nora King abstained.**

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED** to approve the Planning Commission minutes of March 21, 2017, as amended.

**Mr. Davidson seconded.
Frances DiMeglio; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin;
David Davidson; voted in favor.
No one opposed.
Nora King abstained.**

VI. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kleppin said that he had spoken about the Plan of Conservation and Development (“POCD”) earlier in the evening and that there were no further meetings scheduled for the Transit Oriented Development plans.

He also said that the state was offering grants for Transit Oriented Development feasibility studies for the train stations near Merritt 7, East Norwalk and Wall Street. He said that he would apply for them, if the areas met certain parameters. There was a

discussion of another high density development on North Ave., similar to the Waypointe project.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Ms. DiMiglio noted that the commissioners would wait for an email from Mr. Kleppin, scheduling a Special Meeting to discuss the draft proposal from Stantec.

Mr. Ferguson said he had been asked to be a part of the educational specification committee for the new Nathan Ely School.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McLaughlin made a Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Davidson seconded.

Frances DiMiglio; Steven Ferguson; Bill Dunne; Walter McLaughlin; David Davidson; Nora King

No one opposed.

No one abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Palmentiero