

**CITY OF NORWALK
PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 3, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Astrom called the meeting to order at 8:50 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Strauch took the roll call.

PRESENT: Torgny Astrom, Chair; Walter Briggs; Walter McLaughlin; Fran DiMeglio; Joel Zaremby; Donald Nelson; Steven Ferguson; Victor Cavallo

STAFF: Frank Strauch

III. REPORT OF SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE—Walter Briggs, Chair

a) Subdivision #3609—17 Valley Road—Keith Lyon—2 Lots—Extension of approval time

** MR. BRIGGS MOVED: RESOLVED TO GRANT AN EXTENSION OF APPROVAL TIME.
** MR. MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) Subdivision #3611—MacDow—8 Charcoal Road—2 Lots—Extension of approval time

** MR. BRIGGS MOVED: RESOLVED TO GRANT AN EXTENSION OF APPROVAL TIME.
** MR. MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) Subdivision #3612—129 East Rocks Road—Gulick Assoc., LLC—2 Lots—Extension of approval time

** MR. BRIGGS MOVED: RESOLVED TO GRANT AN EXTENSION OF APPROVAL TIME.
** MR. CAVALLO SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

a) Mayor's Office—Bond Resolution (Department of Finance)—Acquisition of certain public improvements related to the West Avenue Corridor (Waypointe) Project and bond resolution of \$104 million

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED: RESOLVED by the Norwalk Planning Commission that a bond resolution known as “Resolution of the City of Norwalk Making Appropriations for the Acquisition of Certain Public Improvements Related to the West Avenue Corridor (Waypointe) Project and Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Revenue Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriations” and noted as a draft of 2/25/09 be APPROVED; and**

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

**** MR. MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION CARRIED, 5-1 (BRIGGS ABSTAINING).**

b) 8-24 Review—Department of Public Works—Proposed drainage improvements at Mary Austin Place and Silvermine Avenue

**** MS. DIMGELIO MOVED: RESOLVED by the Norwalk Planning Commission that, in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the referral made by Department of Public Works, in regards to the proposed storm drainage improvements at Mary Austin Place and Silvermine Avenue be APPROVED; and**

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

1) To implement the Plan of Conservation & Development goal to “Continue to provide capital funds for drainage projects to solve drainage problems.” (B.3.1.3 p.17); and

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

**** MR. ZAREMBY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

c) Redevelopment Agency—Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 35—Draft Annual Plan

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED: RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency's proposed "Annual Action Plan for Housing & Community Development: Program Year 35" for the period July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010, be approved.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action be forwarded to the Redevelopment Agency.

**** MR. FERGUSON SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

d) DEP/USACE Referral—142-144 East Avenue—Construct a public access walkway

**** MS. DIMELGIO MOVED: RESOLVED that the staff be directed to contact the Connecticut DEP and Army Corp of Engineers with the following comments regarding #200801881-SJ—142-144 East Avenue—Permit to construct a public access walkway; and**

That the Commission supports water-dependent uses, such as the construction of public accessways, in tidal, coastal, or navigable waters of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposal is consistent with coastal resource and use policies.

**** MR. ZAREMEBY SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 10, 2009

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.
** MR. BRIGGS SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. COMMENTS OF STAFF

Mr. Strauch commented that working tonight's meeting had been a good experience.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Ms. DiMeglio requested that a report from Redevelopment not be mailed to Commissioners, since it also appears as an insert in The Hour.

Mr. Astrom said that he and Mike Greene would meet with Water Street landowners, many of whom were unable to attend the last meeting.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM SWRPA

There was a discussion of congestion pricing and tolls. Mr. Cavallo pointed out the drawbacks of tolls, particularly the adverse impact on local business. Ms. DiMeglio agreed, adding that congestion pricing and tolls do not help to keep cars off the road.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCLAUGHLIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.
** MR. BRIGGS SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Charlene Smith.