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Redevelopment Board Minutes 05/16/2005

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of May 16, 2005

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Roly Chaput
Barry Faulkner
Nora Mann
Lynne Lowenstein

Also Attending: Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning & Community Development
Joey Glushko, Planner

Ed Tsoi called the meeting to order at 7:15 and announced that the Board would continue its deliberations on the Symmes medical office building special permit. He indicated that items to be considered are the Neighborhood Protection Plan (including the designated Town Representative), the Conservation Restriction, and the special conditions suggested by Kevin O'Brien.

Nora Mann asked about the status of the Designated Town Representative and was told that the matter was before the Town Manger.

Lynne Lowenstein asked about the status of the comments made on the Neighborhood Protection Plan at the last night of the public hearing. Patrick McMahon replied that the developer was in agreement with the comments (by SNAC). There was still a difference about the number of project signs and the need for the developer's primary contact person to be on site during any Saturday work. Barry Faulkner stated that it was time for the Board to make decisions about the remaining issues. The Board wished to include a statement that the developer's representative will be on site during Saturday work when the work was exterior, but not when the work was interior work that was unlikely to be noticed by anyone not inside the buildings. The Board decided that there need be only one project sign with a smaller sign at the Woodside Lane entrance. The Board also discussed that the Designated Town Representative would be determined by the Town Manager.

The Board decided that it would vote on various parts as it discussed them, but a final vote would encompass all the contributing votes.

Nora Mann moved and Lynne Lowenstein seconded a motion to approve the Neighborhood Protection Plan as written (version delivered to the ARB on May 10, 2005) as amended by the discussion above and subject to the resolution of any conflict with special conditions in favor of the special conditions of the special permit. The Board voted 5 to 0 in favor.

Barry Faulkner next explained the results of a conference earlier that day with the developer and Ed Starr, chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee. A revised set of traffic mitigation measures was discussed and amended slightly. Nora Mann moved and Lynne Lowenstein seconded a motion to approve the traffic mitigation measures as amended by the discussion. Kevin O'Brien was instructed to make the changes and include the measures in the special conditions. Ed Tsoi recessed the hearing until 7:00 PM on May 23, 2005. The Board scheduled meetings for 7:00 PM on May 25, 2005 and on June 6, 2005.

The Board recessed at 8:15 to attend the Annual Town Meeting, and adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien