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Redevelopment Board Minutes 03-10-2003

Arlington Redevelopment Board

Minutes of March 10, 2003

Members Present: Roland Chaput
Nora Mann
Ed Taoi
Barry Faulkner
Lynne Lowenstein

In Addition: Alan McClennen, Jr., Secretary ex officio
Kevin O'Brien, Asst. Dir. of Planning & Comm. Dev.
Joey Glushko, Planner
Jack Johnson, Chairman, Bicycle Advisory Committee

8:00 p.m. – The Redevelopment Board convened in the second floor annex conference room of the Robbins Memorial Town Hall to conduct a public hearing on Warrant Articles 4, 5, and 6, Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw.

Warrant Article 4: Bicycle Parking: Jack Johnson provided a brief history of how the article had been defeated last year and how the Bicycle Committee and the Planning staff have simplified the process. David Walkinshaw from the Chamber of Commerce expressed a concern that requiring bicycle parking would take away from commercial parking. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the staff would take the ideas under advisement and present a modification to the Redevelopment Board for their review.

Warrant Article 5: Rezone the Crusher Lot: Mr. McClennen pointed out to the Board that the portion of the Ottoson School property abutting Gray Street was in fact under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Commission; therefore, it should be zoned Open Space like all other parks and playgrounds in Town.

Warrant Article 6: Proposal to Rezone Property on Summer Street from Industrial to Business 2A: Mr. McClennen explained the proposal and the Board will take the matter under advisement.

8:40 p.m. – Continued discussion on Land Use Controls for the Symmes Property.
Mr. Tsoi reviewed the results of the meeting last Thursday and indicated that he felt the Redevelopment Board needed to prepare a clear statement of goals and objectives, precise development and design guidelines, and a clear path to disposition of the property.

John McDermott, 19 Vista Circle, did not believe that we had to do a reevaluation but that proceeding in this manner would be helpful.

David Walkinshaw felt that since the Symmes Advisory Committee is now beginning to take voted positions, they should proceed to provide precise input into the development guidelines.

Nora Mann felt that whatever we put out to the development community must hang together and be valid as a market plan.

The Board and those present then proceeded to review a series of ideas for the approach to the amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan and development of the site. These ideas were written down and have been transcribed and are attached to these minutes for further discussion.

10:30 p.m. – Adjournment. Moved by Nora Mann, seconded by Barry Faulkner, to adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan McClennen, Jr.