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## Redevelopment Board Minutes 02-12-2001

Minutes of February 12, 2001

Members Present: Roland Chaput  
Nora Mann  
Ed Tsoi  
Barry Faulkner

In addition: Alan McClennen, Jr., Secretary ex officio  
Kevin O'Brien, Asst. Dir. of Planning & Comm. Dev.  
Laura Wiener, Director of Housing

8:00 p.m. – The Redevelopment Board convened in the second floor conference room of the annex of the Robbins Memorial Town Hall to conduct a review of the development proposal at 30 Water Street.

Richard Keshian, Brett Donham, Marshall McLean, and Ed Davidson were present to review the proposal. Mr. Keshian indicated that the group had met with the neighborhood approximately ten days ago. Mr. Donahm went through an extensive discussion of ways in which the housing types had been modified to relate to those found in the neighborhood; that parking and landscaping of parking had been developed to be consistent with the neighborhood.

After considerable discussion about the type of housing and other issues, Mr. Botterio, resident of the neighborhood, indicated that they were happy with the status of the proposal. It was agreed that the petitioner would be ready to file with the Redevelopment Board in several weeks for an Environmental Design Review Hearing in late March.

:8:50 p.m. – Preliminary discussion with Laura Veo of Freedom Development regarding the property at Brattle Court, the site of two small historic houses: Laura and David Veo were present along with Richard Keshian, counsel, and Lesley Sahl, architect.

Ms. Veo introduced the proposal indicating that they had acquired the site with the intention of building an industrial block storage building; and, after looking at the opportunities, they decided to develop a three story office building containing 24,900 square feet with parking for fifty-six cars. The site is large enough to accommodate this facility between the bikeway, the Armstrong Ambulance Repair Facility, and the MWRA Pumping Station.

There was considerable discussion about many of the architectural details and how the building would relate to the bikeway. It was also agreed that the proposed elevations and architectural schemes required a great deal of work.

The petitioner indicated that they would file in early March for a hearing in late March or early April.

9:30 p.m. – Director's Report:

Mr. McClennen reviewed the Director's Report with the Board:

1. Mr. McClennen informed the Board that the warrant was closed on January 29, and all of their warrant articles have been submitted. All articles relating to zoning will be advertised in The Arlington Advocate on February 15. Mr. McClennen noted that an article had been submitted by petition that would create a complete development moratorium throughout the Town. With the advertising of that development moratorium article, all building activity will cease until such time as Town Meeting disposes of the article.

2. Metcalf & Eddy contract amendment: Messrs. McClennen and O'Brien indicated that they were still working on a contract amendment and it would be presented at the next meeting.
  3. CDBG Hearing: Mr. McClennen reported that the hearing held earlier in the evening was to receive status reports on various CDBG activities. The hearing scheduled for March 26 will deal with the receipt of proposals for new activities.
  4. Schedule: Mr. McClennen provided the Board with a new schedule noting that there were changes being made due to schedule conflicts.
  5. Mr. McClennen presented the Cellular One proposal for 37 Drake Road for execution.  
Moved by Ms. Mann, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, that the decision be executed; unanimous vote in favor.
- 10:00 p.m. – Adjournment: Moved by Ms. Mann, seconded by Mr. Tsoi, to adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan McClennen, Jr.