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Redevelopment Board Minutes 07-17-2000

Minutes of July 17, 2000

Members Present: John FitzMaurice
Barry Faulkner
Nora Mann
Ed Tsoi
Roland Chaput

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

The Board convened in the second floor conference room of the Robbins Memorial town Hall to review the 100% plans for Nextel Communications at 215 Massachusetts Avenue, Docket Number 3122.

Mr. George Chianis presented the 100% plans for the proposed Nextel communications facility at 215 Massachusetts Avenue. He reviewed the changes that had been made in order to satisfy concerns of the Board at the prior public hearing. After further discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Mann, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, that the plans be approved at 100%; unanimous vote in favor.

8:20 p.m. – Attorney Frank Reynolds met with the Board for approval of 100% drawings for the ventilation system for “Mr. Sushi” at 636 Massachusetts Avenue, Docket No. 3119. Mr. Reynolds presented detailed information to the Board concerning the proposed ventilation system for the restaurant. After discussions about visibility and noise information, it was moved by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Mrs. Mann, to approve the plans at 100%; unanimous vote in favor.

The Board also agreed that the units would be baffled to protect noise from emanating from the units toward the residential properties to the rear, and there will also be a visual enclosure which would be opaque on the residential side. The petitioners agreed with this request.

8:55 p.m. – Director’s Report:

Mr. McClennen briefed the Board on recent discussions regarding 30 Water Street and its new owners, Mr. Collins and Mr. Davidson. They indicated that they were looking at uses from office to residential uses, but their principal interest was in office. Several residents from the neighborhood were present and were concerned that office uses would be inappropriate in the neighborhood given the history of traffic problems.

Stop & Shop: The Board briefly reviewed the noise barrier proposals that had been submitted by Stop & Shop to try to satisfy Mr. Paulino. The Board was concerned about the proposed height of the fence and the material. The Board requested Mr. McClennen inform the Stop & Shop of their concerns.

Amendment to M&E Contract: Mr. O’Brien briefly reviewed the proposed contract amendment with Metcalf and Eddy. Motion: Moved by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Mrs. Mann, that the contract amendment be approved; unanimous vote in favor.

10:00 p.m. – Adjournment. Moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mrs. Tsoi, to adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McClennen, Jr.