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Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes 11/08/2004

MINUTES

SYMMES NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SNAC)
 MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2004; Senior Center 27 Maple Street

SNAC MEMBERS PRESENT (alphabetical order): Sandi Bourgeois, Terry Dash (Chair), Elaine Duffy, Greg Jackmauh, Paul Morrison.

PRESENT: Mark Russoniello, Liz Lawrence.

7:10pm Meeting called to order.

7:11pm Review Minutes from Nov 1, 04 meeting.

- Greg notes that his name appears incorrectly as George in one reference in the minutes.
- Minutes of Nov 1, 2004 meeting approved.
- (These have since been sent to Joe Miksis at Town Hall [JMiksis@town.arlington.ma.us] for posting.)

7:20pm Review follow-up on various action items from previous meeting.

- PaulM notes people at Town Hall who assist in booking rooms for meetings. Alice Norman in the Development Office (316-3094) is in charge of the 1st floor room in the Town Hall Annex, the Senior Center, and the Cutter House. Theresa in Public Works (316-3104) of the 2nd floor conference room in the Annex.

7:28pm Old Business

- We are preparing to meet with Joe Tulimieri (tentatively) on 11/16/04 regarding the NPP (Neighborhood Protection Plan).
 - For the end of the week, we should each list out five key items in the NPP to consider; the list should be sent to the SNAC and cc:d to the small yahoo list. MarkR and LizL are invited to send along their comments on the 11/2/04 draft of the NPP currently in hand (hardcopies given to them).
 - PaulM will collect these and consolidate into one document.
- Terry notes that her notes from the 7/14/04 meeting with Fish regarding the initial draft of the NPP are on the neighbors' Yahoo website. There is a question as to whether Lorelei's notes are on that site.
- Next meeting is planned for next Tuesday, Nov 16, 7-9pm with the 1st hour expected to be with Joe Tuliemeri. Joe is a consultant to the ARB and his time is being made available for our benefit.

7:45pm Old Business continued

- Discuss postponing the Nov 17th meeting with the neighborhood.
- Concern that we cannot get suitable notification out and motivation for a good turnout. TerryD looks for consensus on postponement.
- SandiB noted that the neighborhood meeting is important to build up energy for the Special Permit process ahead.
- ElaineD suggests that maybe there were more open ended questions on the development before, and that made it easier to energize people; now, there are more details that have been put out to the public, and that has fostered some complacency.
- GregJ notes his concern about being sure to get input from the neighbors. We may not want to digest all the information for them in advance.
- PaulM notes that moving the meeting is okay, but not more than a couple of weeks - some concern that you lose the chance for feedback from the neighbors if pushed to far out, or if we do too much up front for them; although we have taken on some responsibility to work through info to some extent.
- LizL notes concern that the timeframe of the 17th is just too short of a notice.
- SandiB says that people are expecting materials from us.

- We agree to postpone the meeting to the first week of December.
- TerryD suggests that the meeting is intended to address that in part: the meeting will inform, but also generate energy and volunteers.
- TerryD proposes that include Fish, Diane Mahon, and a couple of speakers.
- Noted that people are likely waiting for information now.
- Question raised as to when does the land actually change hands? Before the Special Permit?

8:20pm Old Business continued

➤ Sandi will send around the meeting flyer to us.

• Sandi asks PaulM about the list of meeting attendees from the meeting in the summer. She is concerned about connecting with neighbors who have shown up before and thus should be included in communications now. PaulM notes that Lee Ellis had added locals from that list as follow-up to that meeting in the summer.

➤ Paul will contact LeeE about helping to canvas for the meeting. Sandi will contact Lorelei. Elaine will talk with Deborah Dill. TerryD will contact George, Diane, Erik and Kevin.

- MarkR suggests a cover letter - we want to be sure to express our concerns to the neighbors.
- GregJ says we have to be sure to tell the neighbors who we are and that we will advocate for 'being heard' and to 'be protected'; not just a hot air session.
- MarkR adds that we want to say that the SNAC is here to consolidate the voice of the neighborhood.
- Meeting planned for Wed Dec 1.
- There will be a cover letter for the current NPP draft; the package for be ready for next week.

8:40pm New Business - Traffic

- TerryD notes that the TAC is coming closer to some of their goals.
- TAC has not asked for anything from us.
- TerryD hands out some materials related to traffic from TAC.
- SandiB notes that she has been attending TAC Symmes SubCommittee meetings.
- GregJ brings up the idea of "loads" and whether the development creates loads that are not sustainable in the neighborhood. He continues with the question of whether the Fish plan is a safe plan? A good plan? Notes needs for sidewalks.
- Elaine makes a note on behalf of a neighbor (Marie Poor) that there is trouble with line-of-sight for eastbound traffic as you drive to exit from Summer Place.
- TerryD notes that the TAC has asked Fish to revisit some HSH issues. See letter from Nov 2, 04 to Fish' Patrick McMahon handed out by TerryD.
- PaulM asked how does that SNAC connect with the TAC? Should there be some direct line? What info should be getting to the neighbors?
- MarkR asks if SNAC will establish opinions on certain items?

9:10 Adjourn