

The Planning Board met for a special meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 1989 at 6:30 P. M. in Room 209, City Hall. Members present were Chairman John F. Keaney; Vice Chairman Frank D. DeFalco; Clerk Joan C. Sadowsky; John T. Reynolds; George Russell. Also present were Director Francis J. Donahue; Deputy City Solicitor Bridget M. Murphy and Senior Planner Alexander A. Pridotkas.

Call to Order

Chairman Keaney called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M.

Discussion re zoning ordinance

The Board discussed the possibility of creating Historic Preservation Districts. Attorney Murphy stated that it will not be spot zoning if the Board includes surrounding buildings abutting historical buildings as registered in the National Register.

Janet McCorison of the Historical Commission explained the various historical districts within the city.

Mr. Keaney suggested that the Board not take any action on this matter until a list is provided listing all the buildings on the National Register.

The Board then discussed institutional zones which were taken out of the proposed zoning ordinance.

Attorney Richard Reidy, Jim Collins of Clark University, Steve Hebert of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and John Murphy of Worcester Polytechnic Institute all spoke in favor of establishing institutional zones.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the Board restore institutional zones in the ordinance.

Mr. Russell seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sadowsky stated that a definition of institutional zones will have to be included in the ordinance. It will be difficult to define the zone because the colleges and hospitals own other properties outside their main use.

Mr. Reynolds stated that the institutions plot out their properties on a map and submit it to the Board. He then withdrew his motion.

Mr. Keaney stated that all those agencies be contacted to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter.

Mr. Donahue stated that it is proposed that any new residential construction of 12 or more units will need site plan review by the Board.

Charlotte Trembley of Quinsigamond Village stated that developers are buying up small lots and building many units on them with no review by any Board.

Mr. Russell moved to reduce the number to eight but there was no second.

Mr. Reynolds moved to reduce the number to four units for any new residential construction that would require site plan review by the Board. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

Chairman Keaney adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P. M.