

Planning Board
Worcester, Massachusetts
4:00 P. M., City Hall
Wednesday, April 26, 1972

Agenda

- 4:00 P. M. - Regular Meeting - Room 209, City Hall
1. Call to order
 2. Minutes of April 5, 1972 and April 14, 1972
 3. Joppa Road - priority
 4. Governors Street - priority
 5. Diana Street - priority
 6. Walworth Street - priority
 7. Sherer Trail - priority
 8. Clay Street - priority
 9. Lake View Street - priority
 10. 646 Salisbury Street - re-appeal to Board of Appeals
 11. Plans to be ratified
 12. Date of next meeting
 13. Any other business
 14. Recess
- 5:30 P. M. - Dinner - Putnam and Thurston's Restaurant
- 7:30 P. M. - Regular Meeting - Room 209, City Hall
1. Call to order
 2. Review of old petitions
 3. Adjournment

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The Planning Board met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 1972 in Room 209, City Hall.

Members present were: Lloyd Anderson, Mrs. Joan Bagley, Roger W. Bruce, Frederic R. Butler and Chairman Carlton B. Payson. Others present were: Francis Donahue, Gerard F. McNeil, Albin Belevick and John Reney.

Call to order. Chairman Payson called the meeting to order at 4:10 P. M.

Minutes of April 5, 1972 and April 14, 1972. Mr. Butler moved that the minutes of April 5 and April 14, 1972 be approved as corrected. Mrs. Bagley seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

Joppa Road - priority. Joppa Road was given a #5 priority. Mr. Butler made the motion and Mrs. Bagley seconded it. All were in favor.

Governors Street - priority. Governors Street was given a #1 priority. Mr. Butler made the motion and Mrs. Bagley seconded it. All were in favor.

Diana Street - priority. Diana Street was given a #5 priority. Mrs. Bagley made the motion and Mr. Anderson seconded it. All were in favor. Mr. Reney stated sewers will be installed up as far as Gaylord Street.

Walworth Street - priority. Walworth Street has no sewers. It was given a #5 priority. Mr. Butler made the motion and Mr. Bruce seconded it. It was unanimously voted.

Sherer Trail - priority. Sherer Trail was given a #3 priority. Mr. Anderson made the motion and Mrs. Bagley seconded it. It was unanimously voted.

Clay Street - priority. Clay Street was given a #5 priority. Mr. Butler made the motion and Mr. Bruce seconded it. All were in favor.

Lake View Street - priority. Lake View Street was given a #1 priority. Mr. Anderson made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Bagley. All were in favor.

Peacedale Avenue. First part of Peacedale Avenue was given a #1 priority. The remainder of the street, a #5. Mr. Butler made the motion and Mrs. Bagley seconded it. All were in favor.

Mr. Anderson asked why sewers couldn't be put in a street and the street paved, all at the same time. Mr. McNeil stated under the 701 Master Plan, this is what they want to study.

646 Salisbury Street - re-appeal to Board of Appeals. Chairman Payson read a letter from Attorney Sumner Silver of Talamo, Phillips, Silver & Talman, Inc., written to the Planning Board, dated April 19, 1972, requesting permission of the Planning Board to have its application for a special permit to use the property at 646 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts to house the Jewish Family Services of Worcester, Inc. be reconsidered by the Board of Appeals.

Mr. Payson explained to the new Board members that this request had gone before the Board of Appeals in October 1971 and it was denied because one Board of Appeals member voted against it. The vote must be unanimous in order to be approved.

If, within two years, there is any new information that has not previously been given to the Board of Appeals, then it can be presented to the Planning Board, and they in turn, after hearing the new information may make a recommendation to the Board of Appeals, that the case be heard again.

Attorney Sumner Silver and Mrs. Grosse, Executive Director of Jewish Services, along with Mr. Robert Maher, Real Estate Agent, appeared to present the new information.

Attorney Silver reviewed the case, stating that Robert and Mary Ann Harrington donated the property at 646 Salisbury Street to the Worcester Jewish Federation, who in turn would give it to the Jewish Family Services to use. The property would remain almost unchanged, except the flowers and shrubs would be auctioned off. Parking would be in the rear, and the building itself would be unchanged except for the interior which would be made into offices, etc.

None of the neighbors were opposed to Jewish Family Services taking over the property. Jewish Family Services is part of the Community Chest, and they are now in cramped

quarters and the rent has increased and most likely will again next year.

Mr. Maher told about how he tried to sell the property last year for the Harringtons' and for nine months or so he showed it to 10 or 12 people, but because of the layout of the house, they were not interested.

Mrs. Bagley asked about the cost of maintaining the property and Mr. Silver announced that the Harringtons' were going to give \$15,000 a year for maintenance, and the Worcester Jewish Federation would assume part of the cost.

Mr. Anderson stated he was impressed that there were no objections to the Jewish Family Services moving into the property at 646 Salisbury Street, that they made restrictions as to the outside property, that the property was a gift and could now be in their hands through the Worcester Jewish Federation. He was in favor of letting it go before the Board of Appeals again, and then having a public hearing. He saw no reason for holding it up another year and a half.

Mr. Anderson then moved that the Jewish Family Services be allowed to re-appear before the Board of Appeals so that they might be located at 646 Salisbury Street. Mrs. Bagley seconded it and all were in favor.

Plans to be ratified. Mrs. Bagley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bruce to ratify the following plans that were signed. All were in favor.

- #1604 - plan of land on Holland Road, owned by Charlotte and Charles T. Quinn, signed 4/25/72.
- #1605 - plan of land on Shore Drive, owned by Norton Company, signed 4/25/72.
- #1606 - plan of land on Pullman and Brooks Streets and Mountain Street West, owned by Worcester Business Development Corp., signed 4/26/72.
- #1607 - plan of land on Elliott Street, owned by William C. Blood Et al, signed 4/20/72.
- #1608 - plan of land on Flagg Street, owned by Francis A. and Jacqueline H. Harrington, signed 4/28/72.

Date of next meeting. The date of the next meeting was scheduled for May 17 instead of May 11.

Any other business. In a letter to Vincent M. Hynes, Commissioner of Public Works, Gerard F. McNeil stated the following subdivision bond had expired: Hillsboro Village, Sect. V, Papale. Bond in the amount of \$11,400 (Insurance bond) expired June 30, 1971. One extension had previously been granted. The Board had previously indicated there would be no further extensions granted. Mr. Hynes had been requested to review the subdivision and submit a status report to the Planning Board along with any recommendations he might have regarding possible extension of time. No report has been received to this time.

Attorney Charles Abdella stated it is important to now have cash bonds.

Mr. McNeil recommended the Law Department take action to recover the entire sum of the bond (\$11,400). Mr. Anderson made a motion for same. Mrs. Bagley seconded it. It was voted 5-0.

Mr. McNeil proposed the Planning Board re: the 701 program, have a formal vote in favor of the city filing for the 701 application and that it does fit in with the Planning Board's updating of the community development program.

Mr. Butler made a motion that the Planning Board is in favor of and hereby supports the submission of an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Comprehensive Planning Assistance Grant under Section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954, as amended. Mr. Anderson seconded it. It was unanimously voted.

Adjourn. Chairman Payson adjourned the meeting at 5:25 P. M.