

Planning Board
Worcester, Massachusetts

Monday, August 14, 1972
Room 209 - City Hall

Agenda

12:00 noon - Room 209 - City Hall

1. call to order
2. minutes of July 19, 26 and August 3
3. Lincoln Village - plan review
4. plans to be ratified
5. date of next meeting
6. any other business
7. adjourn.

The Planning Board met for a meeting on Monday, August 14, 1972, in Room 209 City Hall.

Members present were: Mrs. Joan Bagley, Roger W. Bruce, Clerk Frederic R. Butler and Chairman Carlton B. Payson. Others present were: Attorney Charles Abdella, Assistant Planning Director Francis Donahue, Planning Director Gerard F. McNeil and Chief Engineer John J. Reney.

Call to order. Chairman Payson called the meeting to order at 12:15 P. M.

Minutes of July 19, 26 and August 3, 1972. Mr. Butler moved that the minutes of July 19, July 26 and August 3 be approved. Mrs. Bagley seconded the motion. It was unanimously voted.

Lincoln Village - plan review. Attorney William Bernstein represented Carrabetta Enterprises and introduced Mr. Cassavant and the architects and gentlemen from MHFA.

He said they were here with a revised plan for Lincoln Village and the cooperative efforts of many people (on a federal, state and local level) went into the plan. The number of units have been reduced from 1550 to 1200, (650 in the high rise, 550 in the others) they have relocated some buildings so that areas of parking are better, and overall the product is excellent.

The architect explained there would be a baseball field, swimming pool area, recreation areas, day care center, playground facilities, fieldhouse, tennis court, basketball court, facilities for water activities for all year round, etc. Attorney Bernstein said the complex would be a definite asset to the City of Worcester; the parking has improved greatly with black-top reduced and grass area increased.

Director McNeil asked about the construction date and Mr. Bernstein replied after they received necessary approvals, construction would get underway in 60 days. Mr. Carrabetta said completion is two years hence. Certain sections will be completed before moving on to the next one.

Mr. McNeil stated the Board would require the plan to show roadways when completed. Engineer Reney stated he wanted to see the plans re: drainage, etc.

Mrs. Bagley inquired as to the materials used on the exteriors of the buildings and was told some would be concrete and others wood siding. They would not be all alike.

Attorney Abdella said a bond had not been posted as yet but he would look into it. (He later talked with Mr. Bernstein and was assured it will be taken care of).

Mrs. Bagley made a motion to approve the definitive plan subject to recommendations by the city engineer, law department and the Planning Department in regard to the above mentioned matter. It was seconded by Mr. Bruce. All were in favor.

Plans to be ratified. Mrs. Bagley made a motion that the following plans that were signed be ratified. Mr. Bruce seconded the motion.

#1629 - plan of land on Elm Street owned by Robert S. Bowditch and Michael B. Malvin, signed 8/3/72.

#1630 - plan of land on Belmont Street owned by Belmont Street Baptist Church, signed 8/3/72.

#1631 - plan of land on Rockingham Place owned by Northeast Builders, signed 8/10/72.

Date of next meeting. The date of the next meeting is scheduled for September 6.

Any other business. Scenic Drive. In a letter to Mr. Joel R. Schechter dated June 30, 1972, from Director Gerard McNeil, it was noted that on June 28, 1972 the Planning Board voted to approve a portion of the Scenic Drive subdivision (lots 1, 2 and 15 through 28 inclusive), and not lots 3 through 14 due to the incompleteness of the sewer construction information required for this portion of the subdivision. This information has now been received and Mr. Reney said the sewers extend to the end of the cul-de-sac.

A motion was made by Mr. Payson to approve the definitive plan as amended and presented, subject to the approval of the chief engineer and also to rescind the previous definitive plan already approved. Mr. Bruce seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Payson at 1:25 P. M.