

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 10, 1997

PRESENT

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

**G. Daley, Chair
R. Santangelo, V-Chair
S. Shapiro
J.J. Vinci**

J. Milardo

**P. Cacciola, ADA representative
W. Kuehn
C. Wilcox**

G. Daley, Chair called the meeting to order at

There were no members of the public present.

R. Santangelo made a motion to accept the minutes of and it was seconded by J.J. Vinci and unanimously approved with S Shapiro abstaining.

Reports; no comments

NEIA:

MARC looking at property up there. Amend plan, acquire property, see if available , less than 3 acres. S. Shapiro asked about Industrial Development

a) Minor Amendment S. Shapiro made the motion and J.J. Vinci seconded it unanimously approved with R. Santangelo abstained.

B)Resolution #76 amend add one more parcel may need 8-24 P & Z approval this motion was made by S. Shapiro and seconded by R. Santangelo and unanimously approved by

committee.

C) Approve appraisals on surveys and environmental surveys Liebman/Longworth Carlson properties.

W. Kuehn gone over acreage came from Assessor's office not correct, map shows 1.0 card says 1.8 for Parcel #4 2.54 for all 4 parcel. Roger 60k acre John Ziomek Tax assessor says 40k an acre need

A? And 2 appraisals Environmental Protection

Motion made by S. Shapiro and seconded by G. Daley and unanimously approved by committee.

W. Kuehn looked at deeds to properties and old leases proves some environmental problems corroborated by Sandborn maps.

D) Budget period need extension go for another year to the 5/98 request to motion made by g. Daley and seconded by S. Shapiro and unanimously approved by committee.

At 7:28 S. Shapiro made a motion to go into Executive Session and it was seconded by R. Santangelo and unanimously passed by committee for reasons stated and to invite W. Kuehn and C. Wilcox.

Motion was made by S. Shapiro and seconded by R. Santangelo and unanimously approved by committee to as quickly as possible enter into taking ? Property by eminent domain.

????G. Daley includes making offer based on current appraisal use .41 acres Riley if necessary.

What happened to the building condemnation? Did he satisfy Parker ? Done before end of month.

Tomorrow Remington Rand Environmental Study at 27 silver street-Debbie intern made it all too negative-30k owed the city. Attractive nuisance maybe tear down.

NEW BUSINESS:**NORTH END REVITALIZATION ZONE (NRZ):**

push by Mayor and Chief to create NRZ in north end

1. Council pass resolution then
2. City staff assigned
3. Neighborhood come up with a plan.

R. Santangelo lowers property values tells rest of neighborhood it is a blighted area S. Shapiro. Agrees.

W. Kuehn looking at bank properties, drug houses, code violations, city takes properties, discount to lower income J.J. Vinci it doesn't correct the problem?

S. Shapiro made a motion to table and it was seconded by R. Santangelo .

Adds another stigma to the north end it becomes a section 8 ghetto. Ruins property values. J.J. Vinci objective it to clean it up but it doesn't work. Banks can get tax write-offs. Non-profits become the banks.

G. Daley went to workshop created a bureaucracy of social service planners no accountability.

W. Kuehn one benefit would be to have a non-profit take over the blighted buildings G. Daley with what staff?

Saturday March 8, 1997 11:00 p..m. Saint Sebastian Convent move.

PORTLAND CHEMICAL/ PART OF BRICKYARD INDUSTRIAL PARK:

If contaminated site EPA will come and do assessment. Owners owe 80k in taxes. City can go on site for environmental purposes because of this. Program pays for assessment, gets us out of the RFP process thru purchasing etc. DEP will come in with cleanup money.

S. Shapiro city will foreclose 90/10% split with state on cleanup then sell a clean property.

S. Shapiro made the motion and it was seconded by J.J. Vinci and unanimously approved by committee.

TWIN VANE/INFORM:

Engineering firm interested in one of the lots Public offering sign has been up needs lots of other meetings/approvals.

FONDA/ELKS:

R. Santangelo reservations about Hillside Avenue ? W. Kuehn Hilltop is a psychological boundary can Elks vote ? S. Shapiro made a motion to support the Planning & Zoning approval this was seconded by J.J. Vinci Planning and Zoning will require traffic study. Retail/bank, restaurant & drugstore not a threat to Main St. Elks will sell it anyway. Tax benefit v.s. burden of housing with kids.

For economic reasons good for Middletown.

RICHARDS BROOK:

Support motion made by S. Shapiro , seconded by J.J. Vinci and unanimously approved by all of committee.

Columbus park:

J.J. Vinci colors? Who picked. Poles and colors look awful

can get a light over the statue? Maybe a tall pole over by Sumner Creek area.

Bridge

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by 8:50 p.m.

CGW/gr