

VILLAGE OF DEVON REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of August 9, 2007 at the M. Egan Center

Committee Members Present

Speaker J. Amann
C. D’Arcangelo
Bishop J. Ramirez
C. Eaton
L. Ditchkus

Aldermanic Liaison

Alderman Garbus
Alderman Hardiman

P & Z Liaison - N. Seltzer

Also Present

M. Ozols, Legislative Aide
R. Gregory, Director of
Community Development
Tony Ciriello, John Hammer
and Jim Murac of
Milone & MacBroom

Members of the public

- I. Speaker Amann called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2007 were accepted as presented.
- III. Chairman’s Report – No report.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Streetscape – Phase III

John Hammer presented the work to date. Data is being collected; they are looking at each property and trying to minimize conflicts. The same materials used on Naugatuck Avenue will be used on Bridgeport Avenue. There is a much wider sidewalk.

The traffic signals will be replaced with decorative mast arms in a “far side design”. Work has to be done on the turning radius. They are working with utilities to eliminate wire clutter.

Utility coordination has been tremendous. One office meeting and one field visit have been held. A number of poles will be replaced before the streetscape work begins. Double poles will be eliminated.

Coordination is also ongoing with DOT. M&M is looking at a special pavement treatment at the Naugatuck/Bridgeport Avenue intersection.

Mr. Hammer said they were on schedule to go out to bid in the fall and be ready for construction in the spring.

Discussion was held about a fountain as part of the streetscape. M&M will investigate.

Discussion was held regarding the weeds in the street and on sidewalks. The Speaker's office will speak to DOT regarding the street cleaning.

B. Drainage Study

A copy of the progress report on the drainage study is included as part of these minutes.

C. Welcome to Devon

Ms. Ditchkus reported that graffiti is a problem. She suggested a program in the school system to address the issue. Ms. D'Arcangelo expressed concern about businesses closing and the lack of upkeep.

D. Devon Day

Ms. Seltzer reported that the day went very well. Money was lost at both fundraisers. A pancake breakfast, in the future, was discussed. The concerts will be scaled back. They will work with youth groups from the three churches that support Devon Day. Approximately \$2,000 was contributed from Ms. Seltzer's own account.

A motion was made by Bishop Ramirez to use any brick profit to reimburse Ms. Seltzer for money she spent for Devon Day. Seconded by Ms. D'Arcangelo.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

V. New Business

A. Offer of Property for Parking

Ms. D'Arcangelo said that her property at 120 Bridgeport Avenue is for sale or lease. The price is \$200,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Eaton and seconded by Ms. Ditchkus to investigate the feasibility of use of 120 Bridgeport Avenue for parking.

The motion was APPROVED with 4 voting in favor. Ms. D'Arcangelo abstained.

Ms. Ditchkus will investigate other property for sale.

- B. The question of missing trash receptacles on Bridgeport Avenue was raised. Mr. Gregory will investigate.
- C. Bishop Ramirez said that the condition of upper Naugatuck Avenue past West Avenue was deplorable. The Committee agreed to request that the street be returned to its existing condition.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.