

MELROSE PLANNING BOARD
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
Monday, March 23, 2009
7:45 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room

PRESENT: Richard Connolly, Ed Cassidy, Gerry Marcus, John Sadowski, Anne DeSouza-Ward, Tom Pawlina, Bob Mercado, and

ABSENT: Carla Francazio and Mike Cassavoy

Matt Hennigan, Assistant Planner was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Mr. Connolly.

MINUTES

a) Special Meeting & Public Hearing, February 12, 2009

Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Connolly offered minor revisions. Mr. Cassidy MADE a MOTION to accept the minutes as revised. Ms. DeSouza-Ward SECONDED the MOTION. All voted in favor. None opposed.

b) Regular Meeting & Public Hearing, February 23, 2009

Mr. Mercado MADE a MOTION to accept the minutes of February 23, 2009. Ms. Marcus SECONDED the MOTION. All voted in favor. None opposed.

SUBDIVISION – SLOPE PROTECTION SPECIAL PERMIT

SP 08-001, Boardman Avenue, Green Morningside Nominee Trust (continued public hearing)

A letter was received by the Planning Office from the Applicant requesting a continuance until April 27, 2009. The Applicant has agreed to the extension of all statute of limitations to June 26, 2009. Ms. DeSouza-Ward MADE a MOTION to continue the public hearing until April 27, 2009. Mr. Cassidy SECONDED the MOTION. All voted in favor. None opposed.

OTHER

Design Review Subcommittee Report

Mr. Cassidy updated the members concerning the issues that were covered at the Design Review Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Cassidy indicated that the discussion focused mainly on the treatment of the streetscape including the addition of the patios outside the first floor residential units in Building A. Interest was expressed regarding the streetscape in front of the Marty's Furniture Building. Mr. Cassidy stated that the Architect is preparing drawings that will show streetscape improvements in front of the Marty's Furniture Building for the next public hearing. Mr. Sadowski added that discussion took place concerning the lack of screening along the parking areas south of Building D and north of Building F.

Boardman Subdivision Site Visit

The members shared their initial feedback with the members who were unable to attend the site visit.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Connolly noted that this was the annual meeting of the Board and as such members are charged with appointing officers. Mr. Pawlina confirmed with Mr. Hennigan that the City Charter does not require the appointment of a vice-chair. Ms. Marcus added that all the members are well qualified to serve as vice-chair in the case that Mr. Connolly is not able to be present for a meeting. Mr. Pawlina MADE a

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MOTION to elect Mr. Connolly as Chair and Ms. DeSouza-Ward as Clerk. Ms. Marcus SECONDED the MOTION. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Mr. Connolly asked Ms. DeSouza-Ward to remain as the chair for the Zoning Subcommittee and Mr. Cassidy to remain as the chair for the Design Review Subcommittee. Both Ms. DeSouza-Ward and Mr. Cassidy accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.