

**STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING - CAPITAL BUDGET
APPROVED MINUTES - TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
4TH FLOOR CAFETERIA, GOVERNMENT CENTER
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT**

Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Voting Members: Theresa Dell, Chair; Jay Tepper, Vice Chair; Claire Fishman, Secretary; Jennifer Godzeno and Michael Totilo. Alternates: William Levin and Roger Quick. Present for Land Use Bureau staff: David W. Woods, PhD, AICP, Principal Planner and Erin McKenna, Associate Planner. Other City officials present: Rodney Pratt, Board of Representatives-District 9; Michael Handler, Director of Administration; Jay Fountain, Acting Director of Office of Policy & Management; Anthony Romano, Management Analyst-Office of Policy & Management; Ellen Bromway, Director of Social Services; Al Barbarotta, Board of Education.

Ms. Dell started the session calling for a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Mr. Tepper moved to hold the Special Meeting on January 31, 2017; Ms. Godzeno seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Godzeno, Totilo and Tepper).

**CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS FY2017/2024:
CAPITAL BUDGET 2017-2018 & CAPITAL PLAN 2018-2024**

Ms. Dell then opened the Public Hearing on the Capital Budget 2017-2018 at 7:05 p.m., and explained to the audience how the process of speaking was to take place. Ms. Dell called upon Ms. Fishman to read into the record the legal notice of this meeting, as follows:

**LEGAL NOTICE
PLANNING BOARD
OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD**

In accordance with Section C8-20-5 of the Stamford Charter, the **STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD** will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 7:00 P.M., Government Center Building, 4th Floor Cafeteria, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT; if weather conditions do not permit holding this Public Hearing, the alternate date will be Tuesday, January 31, 2017** to hear public comments on the recommended **CAPITAL BUDGET for the 2017-2018 and the CAPITAL PLAN 2018-2024**. Copies of the budget document are available in the Land Use Bureau Office, 7th Floor, Government Center Building, during regular business hours; on the City's website at www.cityofstamford.org, "City Departments drop down menu / Planning / Planning Board Draft Recommended Capital Budget 2017-2018 & Capital Plan 2018-2024"; and at the Public Hearing.

The meeting place is accessible to the physically impaired. Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the department of Social Services Administration Office at (203) 977-4050 at least four working days prior to the meeting.

Ms. Dell called the names for speakers from the original sign in sheet (*Attachment #1*) as follows:

1. Erin McKenna - Associate Planner, City of Stamford
2. Archie Elam - The Stamford Veterans Council & Commander, District 1 CT VFW
3. Chris Unger - The Stamford Veterans Council
4. Dan Stolzenbach - General Manager, Stamford Town Center
5. John Ruotolo - Vice President Operations, Stamford Downtown Special Services District (DSSD)
6. Alice Knapp - President, Ferguson Library
7. Christie Fountain - President, Glenbrook Neighborhood Association
8. Pamela Coleman - Chair, Stamford Historical Center
9. Al Barbarotta - Board of Education

- Erin McKenna introduced two-part projects that she hoped would encourage the Planning Board to increase the funding authorizations for: (1) Veteran's Park; and (2) Lione Park (*submitted 5 pictures - Attachment #2*). Both of these parks have considerable support from profit and non-profit agencies such as DSSD for Veteran's Park and The Boys & Girls Club for Lione Park. Ms. McKenna introduced Archie Elam, The Stamford Veterans Council & Commander, District 1 CT VFW, as well as Chris Unger, a member of The Stamford Veterans Council and requested time to talk about Lione Park after the Veteran's Park speakers finished, with Board of Representative, Rodney Pratt.

- Commander Archie Elam submitted a letter on behalf of The Stamford Veterans Council (*Attachment #3*) to the Planning Board and discussed Veteran's Municipal Park as potentially a focal point for the City of Stamford's citizens and visitors, whereas now, it is "a little bit dirty and grungy." Commander Elam argued that "from The Stamford Veterans Council's point of view, the proposed reduction from \$1.9 million to \$500,000.00 will have significant (and perhaps) unintended impacts:

- There is a dollar-to-dollar match of funds between the private and public stakeholders. We have a terrific partnership and great support. This proposed reduction will signal to donors and stakeholders that the City has a limited commitment to the recognition of its veterans. This will limit the willingness and depth of their giving to and support for this very important project.

- The cost of the project will be considerably higher if done in two parts. This segmentation will also raise risks in the areas of fundraising, overall support/perception of the effort and construction execution.

As a result, I am requesting that the Planning Board re-evaluate its earlier decision and restore the full amount to \$1.9 million.

- Chris Unger reiterated Commander Elam's points.
- Dan Stolzenbach, General Manager of Stamford Town Center, discussed the efforts that Stamford Town Center was undertaking to raise matching funds and from a business model, how important a functioning and beautiful park adjacent to the Mall is important from an economic benefits standpoint for the whole City.
- John Ruotolo, Vice President Operations, Stamford Downtown Special Services District, supported the similar efforts that the DSSD was doing to raise funds, which he stated was approximately 85% of their half.

[Staff received a letter from Mr. Ruotolo on Thursday, January 26, 2017 as follow up to his testimony at the Public Hearing. (*Attachment #4*)

- Alice Knapp, President-Ferguson Library, thanked the Planning Board for recommending the \$60,000.00 for computer upgrades but is requesting that the Planning Board include the request for new flooring at the Harry Bennett Library if not for this year, at least for next year. Ms. Dell pointed out that the reason the Planning board did not recommend funding for the Harry Bennett Library flooring was due to the understanding that the life expectancy of the product they were requesting was 10 years instead of for 20-25 years which would make this either an Operations item or Short Term Capital. Ms. Knapp responded by assuring the Board that the proposed flooring will be functional for 20-30 years.
- Christie Fountain, President of the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association, submitted a letter on behalf of the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association (*Attachment #5*) in support of the \$300,000.00 that the Planning Board is recommending for traffic safety and mobility projects. The projects that the City can use these funds for will save lives and advance the City's "Safe Streets Program." Ms. Fountain pointed out that the Hubbard Heights Association is also sending a letter in support of these funds.

[Staff received the letter from Michael D. de Milt, President of the Hubbard Heights Association, also supporting these funds after close of business on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 before the Public Hearing and Dr. Woods will submit to the Board at the January 31, 2017 meeting. (*Attachment #6*)]

- Pamela Coleman, Chair, Stamford Historical Society, also thanked the Board for including funds in support of the Stamford Historical Society but requested more funds to address their parking lot that has been beaten up by the trucks during the move of the Hoyt-Barnum House to the Stamford Historical Society.
- Al Barbarotta, Board of Education, spoke briefly on the Board of Education's Short Term Capital request in which he stated that the Board of Education was meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 to develop a new solution to the total funds requested. (Mr. Barbarotta submitted a letter from Earl Kim, Superintendent of Schools - *Attachment #7*.)

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting of 1/10/17: After a brief discussion, Mr. Totilo moved to recommend approval of the Planning Board Minutes of January 10, 2017; Ms. Godzeno seconded the motion, and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Godzeno, Totilo, and Tepper).

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Next regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings are:

01/31/17 - Special Regular Meeting

02/07/17 - Cancelled

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Fishman, Secretary
Stamford Planning Board

NOTE: These proceedings were recorded on video and audio tape and are available for review in the Land Use Bureau located on the 7th Floor of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, during regular business hours.

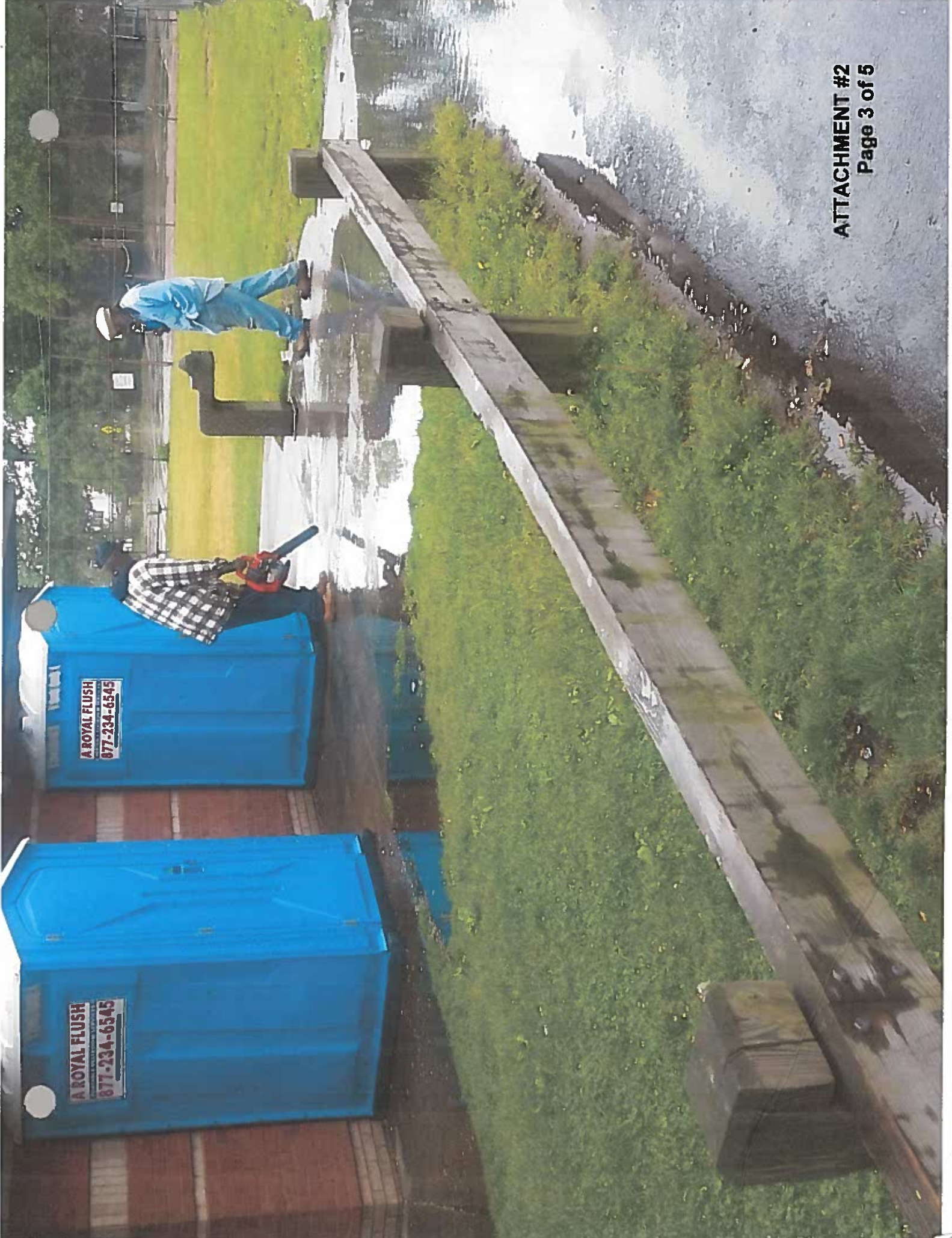
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 TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
INVITED SPEAKERS

ATTACHMENT #1

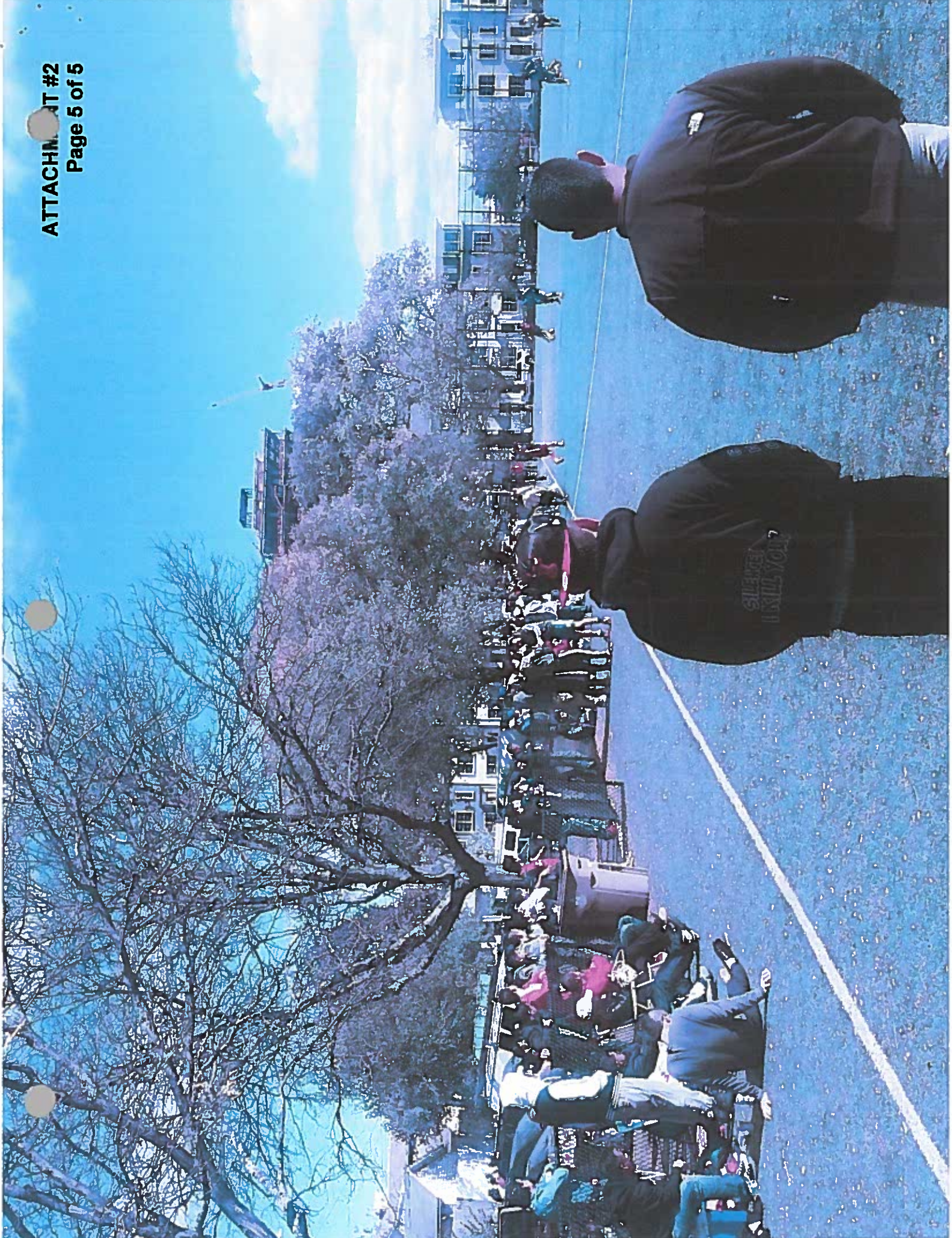
	NAME / SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	EMAIL	PHONE
1.	Veteran's Park Advocates Archie Elam Chris	PO BOX 4790	archie@veteransparkadvocates.org	203/564-1070
	John			
	Steve McCann			
2.	Board of Education	Government Center, 888 Washington Blvd.	A.Barbovate	-
	Alice Knapp	Ferguson Wherry		
	Christy Fontana	Traffic Safety Mobility	SWA	
	Pam Carburn	Stamford History Center		
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The Stamford Veterans Council



January 24, 2017

To Members of the Stamford Planning Board:

Please reconsider and restore the original funding programmed for the Veteran's Park Memorial project. Your proposed reduction from \$1.9Mil to \$500K will have significant (and perhaps) unintended impacts:

- There is a dollar-to-dollar match of funds between the private and public stakeholders. We have a terrific partnership and great support. This proposed reduction will signal to donors and stakeholders that the city has a limited commitment to the recognition of its veterans. This will limit the willingness and depth of their giving to and support for this very important project.
- The cost of the project will be considerably higher if done in two parts. This segmentation will also raise risks in the areas of fundraising, overall support/perception of the effort and construction execution.

The renovation of the city's Veterans Park is much needed and overdue. The park's rating on places where donors/interested people would go like Internet location evaluator Yelp gives us 3-stars out of 5. (see: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/veterans-memorial-park-stamford>)

Their comment: *"Veterans Memorial Park is a park in transition. Right now it's a little bit dirty and grungy, sort of a collection of random monuments in the shadow of the Stamford Town Center shopping mall. There are a lot of people who wander around aimlessly, or are waiting for buses. It really isn't much of a park to hang out in right now."*

This park is there to honor our city's veterans. More than 4,000 of them are buried around the Stamford area. It is now underutilized and sometimes used for nefarious activities. We would like it to reflect the best of what the city is and be a safe, clean, open public space and an integral hub for bus travel and east-west transportation and boosting the vitality of adjacent businesses.

Respectfully submitted for the Stamford Veterans Council,

Archie Elam

Archie Elam, VFW Post 9617
Stamford Veterans Council
and Commander, District One CT VFW

The Stamford Veterans Council



Total Capital Projects

	Funding Source	Dept	Planning	Mayor's	BOF	Adopted
	Capital Non Recurri	0	0	0	0	0
	Bond (City)	98,023,018	28,044,318	0	0	0
	Bond (EG Brennan)	300,000	300,000	0	0	0
	Bond (Parking)	290,000	230,000	0	0	0
	Bond (WPCA)	0	0	0	0	0
	State Grant	1,498,570	1,498,570	0	0	0
	LoCIP State Grant	0	0	0	0	0
	Linkage	147,641	147,641	0	0	0
		100,259,229	30,220,529	0	0	0

As shown from the Capital Budget Draft, the reduction rate was about 30%

Capital Project Request FY 2018-2024

0262 Operations: Administration - Maintenance Parks
CP5602 VETERANS PARK

Authorized Free Balance as of 11/15/2016	\$866,000	Priority	
Funded	\$416,000	Dept	1
Unfunded	\$450,000	Tier	0

376 Veterans Park Capital Renovation w partnerships w DSSD and adjacent property owners

Detailed Project Cost		Project Schedule		Contact Info	Justification for Inclusion in Capital Plan
Effective Date		Start	End	Kevin Murray (203) 977-6606 kmurray@StamfordCT.gov	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost Savings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continues On-Going Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leverages Other Funds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of Life <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Related <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandated Legal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Revenue Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Operational Impact/Efficiency <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Design Development	\$0	Design:			
Construction Related	\$1,900,000	Implementation:			
Equipment Acquisition	\$0	Project Location	Vets park		
Miscellaneous Costs	\$0	Is this project for construction, reconstruction or remodeling of any building or facility leased by the City and open to the public?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Professional Services	\$0	Method Used in Estimating Cost:	per engineering		
Land Acquisition	\$0	Estimated change in annual operating cost to the City:	\$0		
FY 17/18 Total	\$1,900,000				

Request	Term	FY 17/18					Capital Forecasts					Total	
		Dept	Planning	Mayor	BOF	Adopted	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23		FY 23/24
Bond (City)	20	1,900,000	500,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,900,000
		1,900,000	500,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,900,000

FY 17-18 Request will be 1,000,000- Veterans Park is the cornerstone Park in the City, located right in the middle of Downtown Stamford, and has fallen into major disrepair. The City in conjunction with DSSD and other stakeholders is currently in final design and looking for funding for construction.

Encumbered Balance of \$204,306- which is for Beta consultant for Design/construct on drawings and assist w project projections and remaining free balance of \$663,000 will be use for Phase 1 Construction

The estimated cost of construction is \$7.5 million, to be split 50/50 with the adjacent private property owners. We are counting on successfully pursuing a \$2 million dollar Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LTCIP) to use towards our obligation. This leaves us with a balance of at least \$1.75 million to match towards construction.

History		FY 16/17					Capital Forecasts					Total	
Funding Source	Term	Dept	Planning	Mayor	BOF	Adopted	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22		FY 22/23
Bond (City)	20	1,250,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	750,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000
		1,250,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	750,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000

Fiscal Year	Funding Source	Capital Budget	Additional Appropriations	Closeouts	Total Authorized	Adopted Page Number
FY 16/17	Bond (City)	500,000	0	0	500,000	56

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January 25, 2017

Ms. Theresa Dell, Chair
Stamford Planning Board
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901



Re: 2017/2018 Capital Budget, CP5602, Pg. 81, Veterans Park

Dear Ms. Dell and members of the Planning Board,

Thank you for allowing us to provide testimony last evening on behalf of Capital Budget funding for Veterans' Park restoration. There are three important items I would like to follow up on.

First, Ms. Godzeno asked about the cost of law enforcement at the park. Although we cannot put a cost on this, the most recent data gathered indicates there were 122 police calls to Veterans' Park in the two-year period of 2012 and 2013. Assault, disorderly conduct and drug violations were among the most frequent, accounting for 50 calls.

Second, Ms. Godzeno asked about the level of use at the adjacent bus stop. It is a transit hub for CT Transit at which 8 routes originate and all other local and regional routes pass through. An average of 900 riders board at Veterans' Park daily. A significant goal of the Veterans' Park Master Plan is to bring the passenger facilities up to a standard that respects the commuter and can handle the volume.

Third, in reference to the criteria you pointed out last night, there is a significant grant component to this project. Our committee and design firm have been working with the city Traffic Engineering Department to make application for a \$2m Local Transportation Capital Improvement (LOT/CIT) grant. This is a 100% grant which would reduce a \$7.5m project to the \$5.5m the private sector will share with the city. We are well down the road in the grant process and are optimistic that it will come to fruition. Attached here you will find a map illustrating the scope and design of that component. It is one of the most important parts of the plan because it serves as a grand entrance and welcome mat, inviting both pedestrians and transit passengers into the park or through to the many destinations surrounding it.

Thank you again for hearing our testimony. Please consider funding this project to the level requested by the department.

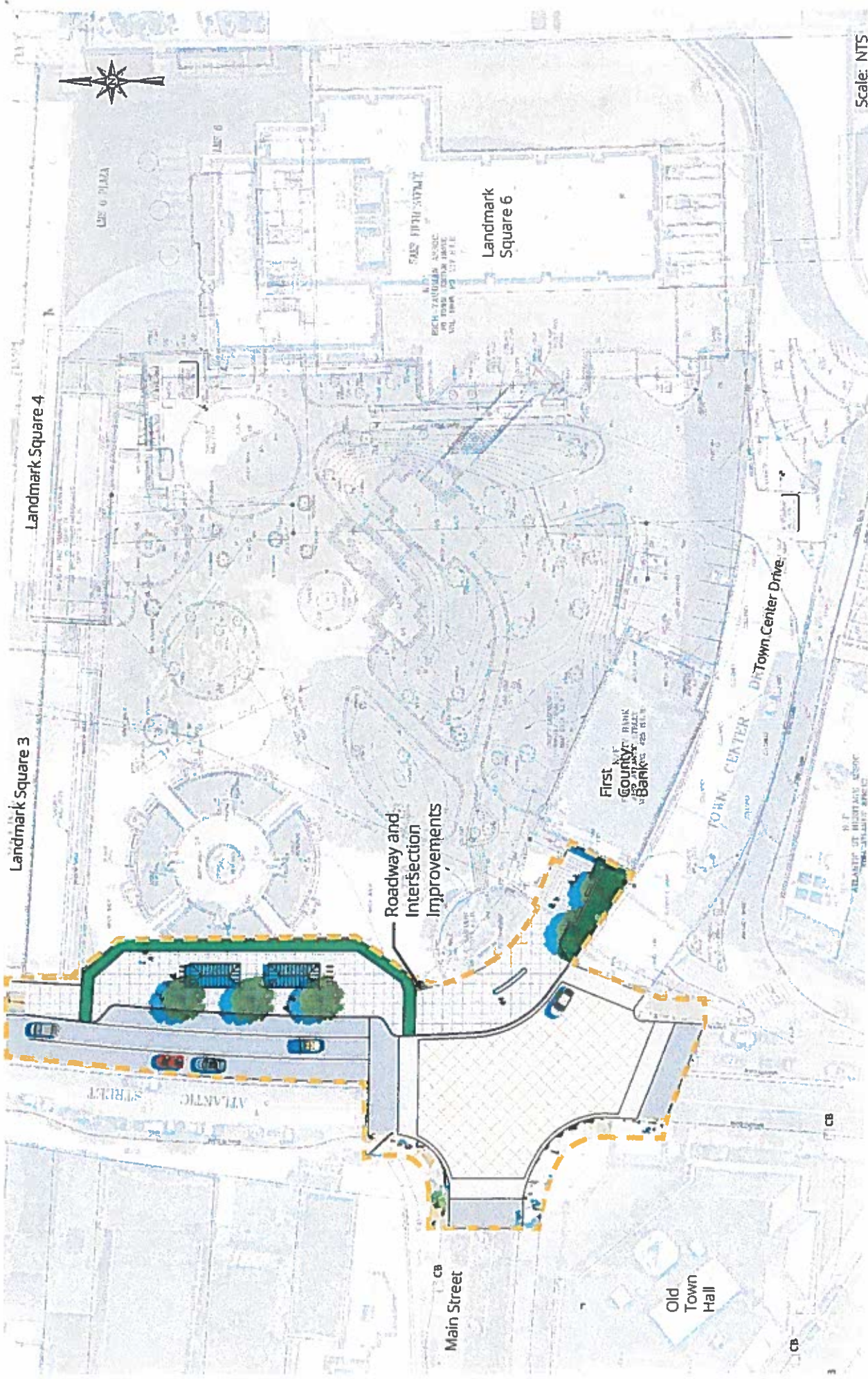
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Ruotolo'.

John Ruotolo

cc: S. Goldstein
R. Redniss

Part I - Atlantic and Main Street Improvements



Veterans Memorial Park
Stamford, Connecticut

Project Area

October 2015



Scale: NTS

ATTACHMENT #4

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TO: The City of Stamford Planning Board

FROM: The Board Members of the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association

RE: Capital Budget Item 0221, Operations: Engineering – Traffic Engineering, “Traffic Safety & Mobility Projects”, \$300,000

DATE January 24, 2017

The Board of the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association supports the request of a new \$300,000 line item in the capital budget for small projects that will make a big difference in pedestrian safety throughout Stamford.

The item came to our attention during a meeting with Traffic Engineer Robert Zaitooni during which we mentioned a young Glenbrook train commuter who lives three blocks from the train station but doesn't feel safe walking to the station. Instead, she drives. Mr. Zaitooni was familiar with the area and said, “That would be so easy to fix.” He said there are small projects like that all over Stamford that would be possible if he had the funding.

Because the Board of Glenbrook Neighborhood Association supports the development of Glenbrook as a walkable neighborhood, we are in favor of this additional funding for small traffic safety and mobility projects that will encourage Glenbrook and Stamford residents to make the decision to walk.

Christie Fountain

President, Glenbrook Neighborhood Association

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday
October 15, 2016
Annual Fall
Cleanup & Swap
9am – noon
Glenbrook Train
Station

DETAILS TO COME!

**GNA QUARTERLY
MEETINGS
2016-2017**

FOUR WEDNESDAYS:

September 21, 2016
January 18, 2017
March 15, 2017
June 21, 2017

WHERE WE MEET:

Glenbrook Community Center
Gym, lower level
35 Crescent Street

WE START ON TIME:

7:30 pm—8:30 pm, with
social time until 9pm

YOU'RE INVITED:

Our meetings are open to
GNA members and to visitors
curious about what we do.

GNA members with email
addresses receive meeting
announcements.

Other ways we remind you:
our signs, website, Facebook
page, bulletin boards at the
Post Office and Grade A,
and the Advocate.

QUESTIONS?

Call GNA President
Christie Fountain
at (203) 964-0078

TOD: A Work in Progress

Transit-Oriented Development for a more commuter-friendly Glenbrook



504 Glenbrook Road will be ready for occupancy by late summer of 2017

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) took another big step in Glenbrook this year. TOD is the planning of places around transit not focused on cars. This 43-unit apartment building with a restaurant on the ground floor is taking shape on the site of the former Joe G's Nursery at 504 Glenbrook Road. It was hard to imagine what a four-story building would look like on

the property until the steel beams were put in place this summer. The Village Commercial District zoning requires the fourth story to be set back from the edge of the building, as can be seen in the photo.

The Glenbrook Neighborhood Association has been involved in this planning process since we first started meeting in 1999. Glenbrook's train station area was

rezoned as a Village Commercial District (VCD) in 2009 to encourage new construction with retail at street level and residences above. The greater density promotes a walkable neighborhood and more support for local businesses.

To keep up with changes in Glenbrook, come to GNA meetings. Dates are listed on the left side of this page.

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GNA Business Members July 2015-June 2016

A & P Citgo
Acme Sign Company
Activities for Kids
After FX Customs
Carmody Torrence Sandak
& Hennessey
City Carting & Recycling
Clambake Connection
Classic Nails
Controlled Temperatures
Crescent Bottles
Crescent Cleaners
Dom's Service Station
Donut Delight
Duke Premier Market
Ernie's Lawn Cutting Service
First County Bank

Food Bank of Lower
Fairfield County
Freemason's Union Lodge #5
Gerald Pierni, Realtor
Glen Haven Condo Association
Glenbrook Community Center
Glendale Commerce Park
Condominium
Gutter Guys
Happy House
Holcomb Enterprises
Homeguard Environmental
Homework Helper
Hope Pizza Restaurant
IT Labs in Motion
Italian Deli
Jeffrey Cahn, Family Dentist

Karp's Hardware
Knight & Grabowski Construction
La Esquina Latin Grill
Law Offices of Laura McGeachy
Linnea McManus, Realtor
Little Monkey Café
Magic Touch Cleaners
Mark Sank & Associates
Mark's Automotive
Moe Joe's Deli & Grill
Mohawk Kitchens
Nick's Pizza / Bacco Pub
P. Rogers Florist
Paramount Stone
Pearl East Restaurant
Real Deal Estate

Reliable Oil & Heat Co.
Reveal Hair Salon
St. Maurice Church
Stained Glass Apple
Stamford Partnership
Surwilo Contracting Co.
Tagliare Hair Salon
Tangra Biryani Point Indian
Restaurant
Tavern 489
Tawa Indian Restaurant
Timber Ridge Associates
Trips Restaurant
Union Memorial Church
Union Memorial Preschool
Verizon Wireless



Stamford's Traffic Bureau Chief, Josh Benson, second from left, stayed after the June meeting to answer individual questions.

A young couple who moved to Glenbrook from Brooklyn likes to get around by foot. At their first GNA meeting they had a question: "Why is it so hard to cross Hope Street?"

The Stamford Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan addresses challenges that face people who get around without cars. GNA urges Glenbrook residents to fill out the short online survey and mark trouble spots on the Wikimap.

Getting Around Glenbrook "Productive Complaining"

This is productive complaining: five test projects will be chosen citywide from the survey results. These could lead to permanent improvements. Let's get one in Glenbrook!

You'll find the survey and Wikimap on the City's website. Go to www.stamfordct.gov > Our City > All City Departments > Transportation, Traffic & Parking > Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Why Did I Get This GNA Newsletter?

We used to send our annual newsletter only to our members. Now we mail it to every 06906 address. Why? Because once a year we give every Glenbrook resident and business the chance to know there is a thriving neighborhood association. We can't afford to do this more than once, so why not consider joining GNA today?

The 2015-2016 Year In Review

GNA's fiscal year runs from July to June. Last year's quarterly meetings featured programs about:

Citizens Service Center

Frank Fedeli, Citizens Service Center Supervisor explained how to request a city service (or make a complaint). He recommended calling 203-977-4140. Residents can also use the City's website (www.stamfordct.gov > Online Services > Request for Service) for service complaints and for permits.

Stamford Partnership

Jackie Lightfield, Stamford Partnership Executive Director, talked about her mission to connect people and ideas, such as the potential for forming a coalition of neighborhood associations.

Glenbrook Historic Resources Inventory

David Taylor, our consultant on Glenbrook's Historic Resources Inventory, spoke about his progress on this State-funded project. Wes Haynes, a Stamford based historic preservationist, addressed the proposed self-guided Glenbrook walking tour, inspired by Stamford's 375th anniversary. **Note:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, David Taylor has withdrawn from the project and the committee is in the process of negotiating with a new consultant.

Joshua Benson, Stamford's Chief of Transportation, Traffic & Parking

Josh gave us a heads up about Parkmobile app, a new 3-way stop at the Glenbrook Rd/Hamilton intersection, and Metro North's improvements of the bumpy crossings at Crescent Street and Glenbrook Road.

Visit our website at www.glenbrookassn.com for updated information about the GNA



Membership Form



Download membership form from our website (www.glenbrookassn.com) or send in this form with dues payment to: GNA, PO Box 2352, Stamford CT 06906

\$10 per Person Additional Donation \$ _____

\$25 per Business (Please specify amount)

Make checks payable to GNA

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Ways I'd like to help, or other comments: _____

Our program year is from July through June.
Your GNA Membership is valid through June 30, 2017

GNA as Catalyst in Glenbrook

GNA has welcomed a millennial to our board! Nalini came to one of the first casual meetups that the GNA Board began hosting in April. Now she is in charge of meetups and hopes to schedule one every month.

GNA members are enthusiastic about our new fall and spring guided

tours of City Carting's state-of-the-art single stream recycling operation.

More community organizations are contacting the GNA to reach the Glenbrook community. The Ferguson Library will be at our January 18 meeting to learn how to serve Glenbrook's needs in the 21st century.

GNA members feel connected to the elected officials who attend our meetings. This summer two significant neighborhood improvements were the result of members' calls to Hartford: Metro North cleaned the train station platform's glass walls, and the DOT cleaned and weeded the Courtland Avenue bridge.

As GNA members learn more about the city at our meetings, some decide to get involved in the larger community. GNA members serve on the Ethics Board, the Economic Development Commission, and the Historic Preservation Advisory Council, to name a few. In June, a GNA member was so impressed by Josh Benson's presentation that he joined the Community Advisory Council for the Bike-Ped Plan.



GNA volunteers are all ages. At the May 7 cleanup, one of these young fathers said, "It's a pleasure to meet another dad willing to subject his baby to a morning of trash pickup!"



CITIZENS SERVICE CENTER



(203) 977- 4140

People attending their first GNA meeting often come with an issue about city services. We tell them "Call the Citizens Service Center!" It can also be accessed online by googling "Stamford 311." Click on "Ask a Question or Make a Request" and then on "All Requests." Pick a category and fill out a short online form. Try it— it's quick and so easy!

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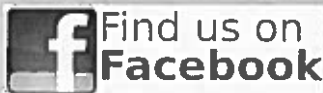
DID YOU KNOW?

There's a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association!

We've been around for 17 years—you should know us by now! We have 325 individual and business members and a lively attendance of 50-70 at our quarterly meetings. GNA is run by volunteers and is funded primarily by dues and contributions from our members. We've heard people say that they don't join the GNA because they can't be at our meetings. That's not a good reason! Join to support our mission and to stay informed.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.glenbrookassn.com



YOU ARE INVITED!

To our next meeting:

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016
7:30 PM**

Guest Speaker
Eileen Heaphy
Stamford Board of
Representatives,
District 8

Eileen will speak about recent developments in the city's control and care of animals, including the new animal ordinance

Glenbrook Q&A

Some of the things people have asked us about this year...

Q: What is the plan for the Courtland Avenue intersection at Taylor Reed Place and Maple Tree Avenue?

A: Reconstruction of the intersection will include a wider turning radius for big rigs, and marked crosswalks and pedestrian signals on all four sides. The project has three phases. (1) Relocation of poles is in progress and is being done by the utility companies. (2) Construction of new curb lines should begin in October, with work being done by the City of Stamford. (3) Permanent traffic signal work will be done in 2017 by the State DOT.

Q. What's happening at the old Roly Poly location on Hope Street?

A: The new tenant told us this summer that he hopes to open a Mediterranean eatery there in the fall.

Q: The former Sclafani warehouse at 482 Glenbrook Road (most recently a pet supply store) has had a facelift and looks great, but what is it being used for?

A: The new owner, Jim Lyman, Founder and CEO of View Entertainment, is keeping the building for his own use. It is off the market for lease.

Q: I'm curious about Glenbrook Industrial Park at 652 Glenbrook Road. What's it like inside?

A: We asked a Glenbrook commercial photographer who moved his studio there from Manhattan in 2002. He likes the high ceilings and giant windows, and, for practicality, the loading dock and freight elevators. GNA has learned that the complex will be included in a statewide inventory of historic industrial sites for the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. GNA will have a future program about it at one of our quarterly meetings.

Q: What are GNA quarterly meetings like?

A: We start on time at 7:30 and this year will try to end by 8:30. People can leave early if they must or stay to mix and mingle until 9:00. More than 60 people attend, with a nice diversity of ages. Visitors have commented on our friendly atmosphere. First timers as well as all business members and elected officials are given the opportunity to introduce themselves. This makes it easier to approach strangers during the social time. We move quickly through an agenda packed with information. Then we have a short program relevant to Glenbrook, with the speaker staying afterwards to answer questions one on one. There's always a satisfying buzz in the room during the social time after a meeting.

"At Last We're in a Neighborhood!"

GNA members connect with the neighborhood in new ways

A Glenbrook couple that likes to walk was on their way to the GNA meetup in August. As they were waiting to cross Hope Street, they saw a man they often see walking in their neighborhood but have never spoken to. "I wonder if he's going where we're going," they said. He was, though they took different routes. When they recognized one another at the meetup a few minutes later, they laughed and introduced themselves after so many years. "The meetups are great. They help us put two and two together."

Another example: A different Glenbrook couple came to the March quarterly meeting, took the City Carting tour in April, volunteered at the clean up in May, and went to the July meetup. As they were leaving the meetup, the woman exclaimed to her husband, "At last we're in a neighborhood!"

Visit our website at www.glenbrookassn.com for updated information about the GNA

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January 24, 2017

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SUBJECT: Capital Project Request FY2018 - 2025

REFERENCE: Page 122, Operations: Engineering – Traffic Engineering, TRAFFIC SAFETY & MOBILITY PROJECTS (attached)

The Hubbard Heights Association has found the Traffic Department to be very responsive to the needs of our neighborhood and we support this request for a fund to handle small projects with significant benefits.

Based on our experience working with Chief Traffic Engineer Robert Zaitooni we know the funds will be used wisely and effectively in the interests of all our neighborhoods.

Sincerely yours,

Michael D. de Milt
President

cc Phillip Giordano, Board of Representatives, 10th District
Mavina Moore, Board of Representatives, 10th District



Stamford Public Schools

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January 23, 2017

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Earl Kim, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Theresa Dell, Chair
City of Stamford Planning Board

Dear Ms. Dell:

Subject: Computer Replacement Funding

I am writing to inform you of a short-term capital project (CPB609-District Wide Computer Equipment Replacements) in the amount of \$2,000,000 that was not funded as part of this year's Board of Education capital projects. I hope the Planning Board will consider adding at least partial funding for this critical capital project in the amount of \$500,000 on the joint recommendation of City IT and the Board of Education.

Since 2000, the Board of Education has received funding to replace computers annually. This is the first year since inception that the BOE will not have funding available for computer replacement. Historically, we have made every effort, working in collaboration with the City's IT department, to maintain a 5-year replacement cycle for the nearly 5,000 desktop computers in service.

Although capital funding has allowed for replacements, we have not been able to establish a 5-year replacement cycle. In many instances we have computers that are in excess of 7 years old. The lack of funding for replacing the computer inventory in the 2017-2018 calendar year will create the following challenges:

1. Having computers in excess of 5 years old increases the cost of maintenance and support. By IT estimates, for every year in service over 6 years, the maintenance and repair cost is in excess of 30% of the actual replacement cost.
2. The actual operating system of a computer that is in excess of 5 years old is no longer supported by Microsoft's operating system, which means security patches are no longer produced. This not only makes the actual computer vulnerable but also raises concerns for the entire computer network.
3. Educational time will be lost as machines will fail more frequently.
4. Future BOE curriculum software cannot be purchased as newer software will not run on older computers.

Additionally, we have been working with City IT and building principals to move to a cheaper yet educationally sound option (i.e., Google Chromebooks) where appropriate. The \$500,000 in additional funding combined with this new strategic approach to reduce costs will allow us to continue to provide appropriate educational programming for our students for the 2017-2018 school year.

I hope the Planning Board will consider the financial, educational and programming implications of not investing in computer replacement for our schools and will restore partial funding for this vital program.

Sincerely,

Earl Kim, Superintendent of Schools

cc Mr. Mike Pensiero, Director of IT
Dr. David W. Woods, AICP, Principal Planner