

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES # 3531
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2008
7TH FLOOR CONFERENCE AREA
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT

Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Theresa Dell, Claire Fishman, Rose Marie Grosso, Jay Tepper and Michael Raduazzo. Staff members present were Robin Stein and Todd Dumais.

Regular Meeting:

The Theresa Dell, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Supplemental Capital Requests:

Stamford Urban Transitway \$7,288,336

Ann Brown, Project Manager for the Urban Transitway described the request. She stated that the funds were appropriated in the 07/08 Capital budget, under a Phase II designation and she was asking for this to be closed out and reallocated into the Stamford Urban Transitway. Mrs. Fishman asked what amount it was. Mrs. Brown answered \$7,288,336. Mr. Robin Stein described the closeout process for the budget and explained that it is really a transfer of funds required under budgetary procedure.

Mr. Tepper moved to recommend approval of the request. Mrs. Grosso seconded the motion and it passed with the members present voting, 5-0.

Park Improvements, Scalzi Park, \$35,000

Mr. Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief described the request. He stated that this was a 100% grant from the State which Representative Jim Shapiro found the monies for. Mr. Stein added that Scalzi Park does not meet the current playground standards and that the actual cost was more than \$35,000 but this would help go towards the overall costs of the project.

Mrs. Fishman moved to recommend approval of the request. Mr. Raduazzo seconded the motion and it passed with the members present voting, 5-0.

Capital Budget Presentations FY 2009/10-2016:

Mayor's Office / Office of Administration – Housing

Mrs. Sandy Denise, Director of Administration, explained the commercial linkage ordinance to the Board. Mr. Tepper asked why there was a significant drop in the monies from the 2008/09 budget. Mrs. Denise stated that since the ordinance is linked to building permit fees, last year saw many more building permits taken out. Mr. Time Beeble, Community Development Director, provided a handout for on allocations of the funds throughout the years and summarized it as about 12 million from the Capital Budget monies towards affordable housing, with over 1,000 units created.

Smith House

Allen Brown, Administrator of the Smith House, described the Capital Budget request. He stated that there were eight separate projects, five infrastructure / building systems and three equipment / non-infrastructure, totaling \$729,400. Mr. Brown further explained that \$100,000 of the request was for design / development, \$405,000 was for

construction related costs and \$224,000 was for equipment. He added that the projects include; security system enhancements, elevator upgrades, chiller replacement, a life-safety package, a core package, and an entertainment package. Mr. Tepper asked if there was any indication that the units would fail and if the requests would result in maintenance / repair savings. Mr. Brown answered yes.

Scotfield Manor

Mrs. Maureen Grier, Director of Scotfield Manor, and John Baldino, Facility Manger, described the budget request. Mrs. Grier stated that the request was for \$115,000 for three projects: replacement of the flat roof; renovation of the recreation room and a new fire panel. Mrs. Dell stated that her request included nothing in the out years and asked if there was anything items that should be included. Mrs. Grier stated that an elevator replacement project should be included. Mrs. Dell indicated she should include this as an out year request so people know its coming.

Stamford Historical Society

Tom Zobek, Director of the Stamford Historical Society, described the budget request. He stated the Historical Society was requesting 1,000,000, including \$800,000 for a new HVAC system which must be completed at once and can't be broken up into a number of years.

Bartlett Arboretum

Jack Dillon explained the budget request. He stated that the Arboretum is requesting \$250,000, \$150,000 of which is for a new furnace and some abatement issues.

Stamford Museum

Melissa Mulrooney, Executive Director of the Stamford Museum and Nature Center described the budget request. She stated that this year's request was for a 3rd phase of construction on the Bendell Mansion, window replacement, repairs to the building and the grounding of the building totaling \$500,000. Mrs. Dell asked why monies were pushed out to the 2011/2012 year. Mrs. Mulrooney explained because of the ongoing Master Planning process and that the Master Planning process will give the Museum a chance to assess the whole property's needs.

Short Term Capital – Technology

Mike Pensiario, described the budget request. He distributed list of projects to the Board explaining that 15 of the 17 projects are continuations from previous projects. Mr. Pensiario highlighted a number of the projects on the list such as, the City-wide meeting recording system, the GIS data collection, and the Operations Fuel system. In total, he requested \$1,960,000.

New Business:

Mr. Stein stated that next week and on the 28th the Board would meet at 7pm and not meet Election week. He also noted that the Board would have to schedule a public hearing for the Springdale & Gelnbrook Master Plan amendments that have been 5 years in the making.

There being no further business or comments, the Mr. Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Marie Grosso, Secretary

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