

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING #3305 - OCTOBER 23, 2001  
7th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, GOVERNMENT CENTER  
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT

Present for the Board were John Garnjost, Acting Chairman; Donna Loglisci; Claire Fishman; Marggie Laurie; Helene Rheingold; and Rose Grosso. Present for staff: Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief.

Memo from Mayor Malloy regarding Proposed Capital Project Closeouts.

On a motion by Mrs. Grosso, seconded by Mrs. Fishman, the Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the closeouts with the first item removed.

Capital Plan & Budget Proposals 2002/2003-2006 - Departmental presentations

Scotfield Manor

Anne Sadosky and John Baldino presented the requests. They explained that the exterior repairs project includes new gutters and garage doors.

Office of Administration

Human Resources/Payroll System was deferred due to Bill Stover's absence.

John Lindquist reviewed the disaster recovery project using the Government Center and Rippowam site. He said the PC Up-grade involves 140 PCs using "thin Client" model.

Mrs. Laurie asked whether Technology items should be in the capital or operations budget. Tom Hamilton said they could go either way. He said preferably they would be in the operating budget but severe constraints are being placed on next year's operating budget and there is no room to add any capital items. He said it would be appropriate to fund some items with five or ten year bonds to coincide with the useful life of the asset.

Mr. Garnjost stated that most projects in Administration were new and had not been in prior year's capital program.

Mr. Lindquist said the City's website is the victim of its own success, that a content management system is needed and that this would cost roughly \$100,000.

Mr. Lindquist said W.A.M. needs more space and could be moved to Rippowam. He said he will review the out-year requests for \$25,000.

Bill Forker addressed requests for 2003-2007 revaluation. He said \$1.5 million is an increase over last year's estimate due to the need for independent evaluation of revalue. Mr. Hamilton said he will have a more concrete number by mid-January.

Mayor's Office – Housing

Tim Beeble and Ben Barnes presented this budget. They said that 398 housing units have been facilitated through this program, including purchase with New Neighborhoods of 53 Clinton Avenue and acquisition of 15 units at 22-28 Fairfield Avenue. They said there is presently a balance of \$900,000.

When Mr. Garnjost asked if there is enough for the outer years, Mr. Barnes replied that additional funds will be requested in the future.

Stamford Museum

Sharon Bloom, Phil Novak and Maria Nakian represented the museum. They explained that the request is not on the long range plan which was recently reviewed. Mr. Novak said renovation of the main building needs to be done due to deferred maintenance.

Smith House Health Care Center

Tom Doyle, Executive Director; Ben Barnes and Dan Luce, who oversees construction for Roncali Inc. attended for Smith House. They explained that Room Renovation East 1 & East 2 entails renovations for 68 private rooms and baths and West 1 & West 2 Renovations are for semi-private rooms. It was suggested that the bulk of 2002/03 costs be moved to 2003/04. Mr. Doyle explained that it is necessary to black top the parking lot to permit ambulance access to the rear.

Mr. Garnjost urged review for the out years and Mr. Doyle said he is comfortable with the facility for out years. Ben Barnes said that capital improvements result in higher Medicaid payment.

Minutes for Approval:

#3301 - August 21, 2001 - deferred for lack of quorum

#3304 - October 9, 2001 - approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marggie Laurie, Secretary  
Stamford Planning Board

Note: These proceedings were recorded on tape and are available for review during regular business hours.