

Present: 16 Participants

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

Rick Redniss- of Redniss & Mead is representing The Stamford Manhattan Transit Group, the collective ownership group for the block of properties between Manhattan Street, Pacific Street, Dock Street and Atlantic Street. Rick mentioned the group has the intention to demolish and clean up the properties in advance of acquisition of the City parcels. While the details of any future redevelopment will still need to be reviewed and discussed, the members of the South End NRZ agreed that a thoughtful and comprehensive redevelopment of all properties including Garden Street would be in the best interest of the South End and the City of Stamford.

Captain Tom Barcello-Stamford Police Department mentioned that Frank Petiste needs to come down and access community parking and intersection issues. Captain Barcello was open for other questions:

Question: Are Police vehicles still being parked and used as mobile substations around town?

Answer: One Substation on the West Side will be given back to the storage company. The goal is to push away from substations due to maintenance and infrastructure which can become too costly. The West Side Substation will relocate to Selleck Street in the Police Athletic Building.

Al Kaproski mentioned that the city has abandoned the Water Street Park. Someone in the neighborhood asked about the fishing pier which has been in disrepair for the last 7 years. The park is overgrown near the water and in the middle. Al suggested that the NRZ through our District 3 Board of Representatives talk to Parks & Recreation and the Mayor to possibly have the park put in the budget for next year.

Question: Ted Ferrarone of BLT asked Sue Halpern for an update on how the Study Committee will move forward.

Answer: Sue Halpern stated that post cards were sent out, they plan to have public meetings and conduct community outreach.

Sheila Barney asked Sue to explain the Ordinance that will come with the Local Historic District. Sue mentioned the board would include South End Property owners.

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Ralph Blessing was asked will the letters from the property owners to opt out and be exempt from the district be honored?

Answer: Ralph advised that State statutes govern that the map get redrawn after the public hearing. Letters are being collected and placed in a file from property owners that don't want to be in the district. Since Letters are still coming from property owners that want to opt out, Ralph will delay the redrawing of the map. Ralph stated he will come back to the NRZ with an updated map prior to the public hearing. Barry Michelson mentioned that the public hearing will be the forum to opt out and ask questions.

Ted Ferrarone asked Sue Halpern to come back with a comparison of benefits of becoming a Local Historic District vs The Current State National Historical Register.

John Wooten mentioned that Mike Evans of Full Court Peace was able to get volunteers to repaint the Lathan Wider Basketball Court.

Al Kaproski announced a Dinner recognition for Old Timers that honors athletes who is 60 years or older on Dec 5th at the Italian Center for \$125.00 per person. Al will have tickets for anyone interested in attending.

Ralph announced the process to start to outreach to engage the community to come up with ideas to reactivate the center. There will be a proposed state grant for \$145,000 for the study, once there is a plan The City can ask for more money to do projects.

Announced there will not be a December NRZ meeting and for everyone to enjoy the holidays

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm