

City of Nashua
Business & Industrial Development Authority
Draft Minutes for Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 4:00 PM
Mayor's Conference Room

Members Present: Vincent Capasso, Chairman, Mayor Streeter, Mike Monks, John Stabile, Gerald Prunier and Jack Tulley.

Others Present: Jay Minkarah, Economic Development Director, Jeanne Walker, Engineering Department.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at about 4:05.

Bridge Street Properties: Jay Minkarah distributed copies of the legislation to transfer the Bridge Street properties to the BIDA as approved by the Board of Aldermen in December 2005.

Discussion of CSO Project

Jeanne Walker of the Engineering Department described the City's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) improvement project. She explained the background behind the project including limitations of the exiting system and current EPA requirements. The location of existing sewer lines and proposed improvements in the vicinity of the subject properties was indicated on a plan of the area. Related issues were discussed.

Ms. Walker stated that the City's Finance Committee had just approved a contract to hire a consultant to prepare a preliminary design for the system. She noted that the consultant has recommended an open tank system for the Screening and Disinfection Unit (SDU) proposed for a portion of the Bridge Street site. Such a system would be less expensive than a closed tank system, but would require a larger footprint. Examples were shown. The pros and cons of such a system were discussed. The overflow would not include "first flush" waste water, which would flow instead to the treatment plant. Capacity of the treatment plant would also be increased. It was noted that the facility would be used rarely, that water would not remain in the tank for long periods and that the sewer overflow would be screened before entering the tank.

Alternative locations for the SDU were discussed. Ms. Walker stated that the SDU could potentially be situated in different portions of the properties, but that the unit would have to be placed in the general vicinity due to the layout of the existing sewer interceptor. Topography and proximity to the River were other factors to consider as well. Ms. Walker agreed to provide the BIDA with a list of locations for similar facilities.

Update on Environmental Assessments & Other Bridge Street issues

Jay Minkarah informed the group that Deb Chisholm, the City's Brownfields Consultant, is currently reviewing files on the sites.

Revolving Loan Fund Activity: No new activity to report.

Broad Street Parkway Update: Jay Minkarah reported that a joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen's Infrastructure and Budget Committees and the Broad Street Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 31. Many questions and concerns were raised and there was no consensus reached. Additional meetings will be scheduled in the near future.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 PM.