

City of Nashua
Business & Industrial Development Authority
Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 4:00 PM
Room 208
Minutes

Members Present: Bernie Streeter, Jack Tulley, Steve Michon, Mike Monks, Brad Vear, Gerry Prunier

Others Present: Chris Williams, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce President, Nick Caggiano, Parks and Rec Superintendent, Ben Dalianis, Mayor's Office, and Kathy Hersh, Community Development Director.

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

Nick said Jay had contacted him 2 or 3 years ago. The legislation regarding the Bridge Street property says the recreational facilities need to be replaced in kind, especially the skateboard park. Also, the cell tower lease generates about \$14,000 a year for parks. It is a separate parcel. He doesn't have a new location for the skateboard park. There are problems when they are near residential neighborhoods. We need to find a place that is not near residences. The rectangular field is just short of regulation size. It is heavily used in the fall by PAL, as well as well used throughout the warmer months. Nick thinks it would take a year to replace the skateboard park, between permitting and construction.

Nick suggested that two people should be involved – Alderman Deane and the person from Eastern Boarder. Nick has the contact person. BPW needs to be involved as well. Nick offered to put together a list of potential sites.

Jack and Brad recall that it would be put in the RFP as the responsibility of the developer to relocate the park facilities. Gerry thinks that will reduce the price we can get for the property. Mike said that would not be in the developer's control. We want to make it simple for the developer.

Gerry said we could get money to build the rectangular field at the southwest park. The skateboard park is harder to relocate. He suggested the City could team with the Nashua Housing Authority to redevelop Bronstein and include the skateboard park. Nick thought it was a good idea.

Kathy updated everyone on the possibility of contracting the services of a consultant to develop the RFP.

MOTION by Gerry Prunier, seconded by Mike Monks, to pursue services.

Kathy reminded everyone that the legislation that transfers the responsibility of the Bridge Street property to the BIDA requires that the park relocations be resolved before the property is transferred to the BIDA.

Mike suggested we should get a reading on what density the Planning Board will accept. Brad suggested going to the Planning Board with a concept.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.