

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

APRIL 2, 2003

A meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber

Chairman Brian S. McCarthy presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Scott A. Cote, Vice Chair  
Alderman Kevin McAfee  
Alderman Timothy B. Nickerson

Members Not in Attendance: Alderman Lori Cardin

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Kathy Hersh, Division Director, Community Development  
Daniel DeSantis, Economic Development Director  
Alan Manoian, Deputy Manager, Downtown Programs  
Mike Lowe, Planning Board Liaison

DISCUSSION

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A discussion ensued regarding the redevelopment of the area near Canal Street and the former Goodale's Bike Shop building including the creation of a tax increment finance district. Representatives from the Community Development Division were present and participated in the discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS– None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS - None

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NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-03-152

Endorser: Alderman Brian S. McCarthy  
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane  
Alderman Kevin McAfee  
Alderman Timothy B. Nickerson  
Alderman Stephen C. Lamos  
Alderman-at-Large Fred Britton  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman Kevin E. Gage  
Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich  
Alderman Lori Cardin  
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson

DESIGNATING THE NORTHWEST SANCTUARY AS CONSERVATION LAND  
AND PROVIDING FOR STEWARDSHIP OF CONSERVATION LANDS BY THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MOTION BY ALDERMAN NICKERSON TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chair McCarthy

I actually have a couple of amendments I would like to make based on some concerns expressed by the Conservation Commission. Let me tell you what they would be. On the second page in paragraph 4 of section 1539 after the word “establish” to add the phrase “through stewardship plans”. In section 1541 at the end of paragraph 14, to add the sentence “Vehicles authorized by the city shall be exempt from this provision”, and to strike Paragraph 16 of that same section.

I had some feedback today from the Conservation Commission that they would like a little more clarity on the permit process that they are not to be the granters of permits but are to establish guidelines for which the permits would be issued by the Community Development Department. Let’s actually add changing “Department” to “Division” to the amendment. That is the first change.

The second change – it was pointed out that normal use of city trucks and contractor trucks that do maintenance and that sort of stuff is not provided for so the second sentence does that. There was a concern over whether we were specifically going to allow hunting or not. It was my feeling in drafting the ordinance that we wanted to allow for the Conservation Commission to be able to do that as part of wildlife management when it was necessary so we didn’t want to preclude it, and I think it actually is precluded by the current ordinance. Conservation Commission felt that the way it is worded in here sort of implied that we would allow hunting of necessity so I think if the ordinance is simply silent on it then it is covered by the general usage abilities that the Conservation Commission can regulate.

Kathy Hersh

There is just one other small area I would like to request that the Board consider amending, and that is at the top of page 2 it refers to the Northwest conservation area and it really should say Northwest Sanctuary to be consistent with the title.

Alderman Deane

I have a question on the hunting end of it. What sort of hunting can be done up there with a bow or something? You can't discharge firearms in the city right?

Chair McCarthy

Actually you can. You can't discharge firearms within the compact area of the city. Much of what we have designated as conservation land would not in fact be considered part of the compact area.

Alderman McAfee

There is all kinds of hunting up there.

Chair McCarthy

It is quite clear that people are hunting on the lands that we purchased from Pennichuck and have been with Pennichuck on them.

Alderman Cote

A lot. It is a great space.

Alderman Deane

Is there good hunting up there Alderman Cote?

Alderman McAfee

It is incredible.

Alderman Cote

That is what I am told.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN NICKERSON TO AMEND O-03-152 IN SECTION 1539

IN PARAGRAPH 4 AFTER THE WORD ESTABLISH TO ADD THE PHRASE "TROUGH STEWARDSHIP PLANS", IN SECTION 1541 AT THE END OF PARAGRAPH 14 TO ADD THE SENTENCE "VEHICLES AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THIS PROVISION", TO STRIKE PARAGRAPH 16 OF THAT SAME SECTION, TO CHANGE "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT" TO "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION", AND AT THE TOP OF PAGE 2 CHANGING "NORTHWEST CONSERVATION AREA" TO READ "NORTHWEST SANCTUARY"

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN NICKERSON TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE AS AMENDED

MOTION CARRIED

O-03-155

Endorser: Alderman Brian S. McCarthy

REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION DISTRICT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN COTE TO HOLD O-03-155 IN COMMITTEE PENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2003, AT 7:00 PM IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER

MOTION CARRIED

## DISCUSSION

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN COTE TO ADJOURN

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Alderman Scott A. Cote  
Committee Clerk