

NASHUA CITY PLANNING BOARD  
January 15, 2004

A meeting of the Nashua City Planning Board was held on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 9:15 PM in the Auditorium at City Hall.

Bette Lasky, Chair conducted the meeting.

Members present were:       Bette Lasky, Chair  
                                  Ken Dufour, Vice Chair  
                                  Mike Lowe, Mayor's Representative  
                                  Ald. Richard LaRose, Ald. Rep.  
                                  William Slivinski  
                                  Hugh Moran, Alternate  
                                  Kathryn Vitale, Ald. Alternate

Also present:                   Roger Houston, Planning Director  
                                  Mike Yeomans, Deputy Planning Manager  
                                  Rick Sawyer, Planner III

Nomination of Officers:

Mr. Slivinski said that the Planning Board by-laws mandate that an annual meeting be held, and that officers be elected directly after the first meeting of the year. That vote must be taken via voice vote. There is no provision for postponement. There are nine members of the Board, only six members - those that are appointed members - are eligible to serve as an officer on the Board, being Bette Lasky, Ken Dufour, William Slivinski, Steve Farkas and Robert Rheaume. Mr. Rheaume has not attended in approximately one year, and is not expected back, and efforts to contact him have not been successful.

He said the sixth place is open on the Board, and someone needs to be nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Aldermen and join the Board. Only four members are available to serve as officers on the Board.

He said that there is no provision that allows an Alternate member can vote for officers on the Board, which means that Mr. Moran cannot vote for an officer. This leaves only three Board members that can serve as officers.

He stated that in polling the Board, that a majority of the Board would like to see Betty Lasky as the Chair, Ken Dufour as Vice-Chair and Bill Slivinski as Secretary, and is making these nominations. Anyone else who would like to make a nomination may do so.

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Mr. Lowe would like to offer Steve Farkas as Chair.

Mrs. Lasky said they must get a second for Mr. Slivinski's nomination first.

**SECONDED** by Ald. LaRose.

Mr. Lowe nominates Steve Farkas as Chair.

**MOTION FAILS, NO SECOND.**

**MOTION** by Ald. LaRose to close the nominations.

**SECONDED** by Mr. Dufour.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Ald. LaRose that the Secretary cast a single vote for the slate of officers.

Mrs. Lasky stated that the nominations are Bette Lasky as Chair, Mr. Dufour as Vice-Chair, and Mr. Slivinski as Secretary.

Mrs. Lasky thanked everyone for their time, and asked if there are any suggestions to make the meetings run smoother, and to serve the City.

Mr. Dufour also thanked the Board for supporting his nomination, and said the Board has many capable members that could chair the Board.

Mrs. Lasky said the East Hollis Street Master Plans and they will be discussed on the February 5, 2004 meeting. She said that if anyone is interested in scheduling a workshop, to contact her. She asked if there are any other Master Plans in the works.

Mr. Houston said that there is one for the "tree streets" neighborhood, which will encourage a more walkable neighborhood. This should start with the livable walkable community group on January 27, 2004 at City Hall. Also, there is one proposed for Railroad Square, and an addendum to the Downtown Master Plan on the riverfront trail, west of Main Street and north of the river.

Mrs. Lasky thanked staff for all the help and assistance that has been given over the years.

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Mr. Lowe asked if the Chamber is still looking at the Land Use Ordinance update.

**MOTION** by Ald. LaRose to adjourn the annual meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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