

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015

Present: Alderman Albright (Chairman), Ald. Crossley, Danberg, Fuller, Gentile, Hess-Mahan, Leary; absent: Ald. Lipof; also present: Ald. Brousal-Glaser, Yates, Sangiolo, and Cote  
Staff: Alexandra Ananth (Chief Planner for Current Planning), Ouida Young (Associate City Solicitor), Linda Finucane (Assistant Clerk of the Board)

#384-11(8) REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE requesting that His Honor the Mayor appropriate funds to conduct a 21E remediation study on the former Parks & Recreation site at 70 Crescent Street

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: Alderman Gentile provided a pro forma (attached) that Ted Tye of National Development (which has no interest in developing this property) was kind enough to prepare. After reviewing the pro forma, the committee voted unanimously to ask the Mayor to fund the 21E remediation study for the property as the first step towards the city developing the property.

#384-11(4) JOINT ADVISORY PLANNING GROUP and PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT filing their separate reports pursuant to Ordinance Sec. 2-7(2)b identifying alternatives for the future use of the former Parks & Recreation site at 70 Crescent Street, Auburndale, which was declared surplus by the Board of Aldermen on February 6, 2012. (*Public Hearing opened and closed on February 26, 2013.*)

ACTION: HELD 7-0

NOTE: Please see #384-11(8) above. A complete report of the public testimony and discussion will be provided prior to the committee's meeting in September.

#287-11(4) JOINT ADVISORY PLANNING GROUP and PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT filing their separate reports pursuant to Ordinance Sec. 2-7(2)b identifying alternatives for the future use of the former Newton Centre Library/Health Department building at 1294 Centre Street, Newton Centre,

ACTION: HELD 5-0 (Gentile and Fuller not voting)

NOTE: The committee reviewed the five responses to the city's RFI (attached) and directed the Planning Department to obtain a survey and appraisal for the property. Again, a complete report of the discussion will be provided prior the committee's September meeting.

\*#159-15 SCHOOL COMMITTEE requesting the grant of an access easement to the existing parking lot of The Parish of the Good Shepard through the Angier School's driveway in consideration of The Parish agreeing to the relocation of its existing driveway entrance to its parking lot in order to improve the pedestrian access for children coming to the new Angier Elementary School

**ACTION:** APPROVED 5-0 (Gentile and Fuller not voting)

**NOTE:** Ms. Young explained that as part of the construction of the new Angier Elementary School the Parish of the Good Shepard, the immediate abutter to the east, agreed to the relocation of its driveway entrance to its parking lot. This will allow pedestrian access for children and school buses coming to the school. The Parish now needs an access easement over a portion of the new driveway of the school in order to construct a new entrance to its existing parking lot and to egress through the school's new driveway. The School Committee voted on October 27, 2014 to request the Mayor and Board of Aldermen grant an access easement on such terms they deem appropriate. The Parish would like this work to be completed this summer while many of its parishioners are away. The committee voted 5-0, with Aldermen Gentile and Fuller not voting, to waive the formation of a Joint Advisory Planning Group and to grant the easement for a nominal \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Albright, Chairman