

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 18, 2012

Present: Ald. Albright (Chairman), Ald. Merrill, Laredo, Crossley, and Gentile; absent: Ald. Danberg, Fischman, and Swiston

Staff: Candace Havens (Director of Planning & Development), Linda Finucane (Assistant Clerk of the Board)

#287-11(2) PRESIDENT LENNON & HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing the following members to a Joint Advisory Planning Group to make recommendations on the future use of the land and building currently housing the Health Department at 1294 Centre Street, Newton Centre, Ward 6:

Aldermanic appointees:

Warren Brown	275 Grove Street, Auburndale
Peter Lew	61 West Pine Street, Auburndale
George Mansfield	312 Lake Avenue, Newton Highlands
John Sisson	45 Greenlawn Avenue, Newton Centre
Maurya Sullivan	19 Brentwood Avenue, Newton Centre
Beth Wilkinson	14 Trowbridge Street, Newton Centre
Carolyn Wong	20 Norwood Avenue, Newton Centre

Mayoral appointees:

Don Tellalian	19 Crystal Street, Newton Centre
Ben Tucker	12 Nathan Road, Newton Centre
Sarah Luria	38 Garland Road, Newton Centre
Loren Balsam	799 Commonwealth Ave, Newton Centre
Nino Micozzi	14 Huntington Road, Newton
Norman Sirk	94 Herrick Road, Newton Centre
Trudy Reilly	21 Bradford Road, Newton Highlands

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0

#384-11(2) PRESIDENT LENNON & HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing the following members to a Joint Advisory Planning Group to make recommendations on the future use of the land and building at 70 Crescent Street, which formerly housed the Parks & Recreation Department, Auburndale, Ward 3:

Aldermanic appointees

Angelo Conti	16 Robinhood Street, Auburndale
Edward Hadro	60 Robinhood Street, Auburndale C
Catherine Mazzola	79 Crescent Street, Auburndale
Richard Sewall	83 Aspen Avenue, Auburndale

David Snieckus 99 Crescent Street, Auburndale
Thomas Turner 60 Wyoming Road, Newtonville

Mayoral appointees

Mark Armstrong 61 Vaughn Avenue, Newton Highlands
Andrea Kelley 28 Putnam Street, West Newton
Eurnice Kim 147A Crafts Street, Newtonville
Jim Miller 67 Bourne Street, Auburndale
James Robertson 30 Trowbridge Avenue, Newtonville
Lawrence Schwirian 7 Williston Road, Auburndale

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0

NOTE: The goal of the Ward aldermen and mayor was to find individuals with diverse backgrounds and skills to serve on both Joint Advisory Planning Groups. Resumes were attached to the agenda.

In the case of 1294 Centre Street, the group includes among other disciplines a planner, architect, attorney, neighbors, historian, writer, urban designer, abutter, and business owner. Finding a business owner was difficult because businesses involved in the proposed development of the Cypress Street parking lot were precluded, since they had potential financial interests that could conflict with the future reuse of the Health Department building. One appointee, Mr. Micozzi, was a bit reluctant to commit because he expects to be away for part of the summer. Ms. Havens suggested and the committee agreed that if a suitable replacement can be found, he might serve as an “alternate” member. The meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

In the case of 70 Crescent Street, with input from the Aldermen from Wards 3 and 4, which this site straddles, the group has among it a landscape architect, a planner, a member of the Historical Commission, and neighbors. There may be two additional appointees. In that case, they will be docketed in July. Again, the meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Alderman Harney submitted an email in strong support of Angelo Conti, a longtime resident who owns two pieces of property both abutting 70 Crescent Street.

The Committee was impressed with the breadth of experience in both groups and voted 5-0 to confirm the appointees.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Albright, Chairman