



Lasell Neighborhood Council

Meeting Notes

Date: 6/10/15
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Place: 5 Cheswick, Irwin Hall

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Members present: Alderman Amy Sangiolo, Paul Fazli, Dean Hickey, Anthony Szol, James Freas, Lindsey Beauregard

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1. Project Updates:

Boat House – Trying to make updates and have already completed exterior dock, paint, new windows. Developer has approached Lasell about creating partnership for education, community use. Generally, Lasell is open to partnering with a community-based group.

The College is partnering with Brandeis whose crew team is using the boathouse. Will have new boat stacker and efforts to make the area more attractive.

Approval for new drain at parking lot so that run-off is not direct to Charles, water/sewer line so can add bathroom and make available for Environmental Science Program. Talking with CRWA about partnership on water quality testing.

2. Construction Project Updates: Robin Dell Property: Want to demolish. Lasell Village residents want a garden in that location. It is secure, but deteriorating. Alderman Sangiolo spoke in favor of historic value and wants it restored/reused as historic won't support tear-down – save same portion. Dean Hickey will be filing for a demolition permit this summer. Plan will include a Community Garden.

Renovate spring of 2016 – Wass Hall, demolish and replace with green space and parking; Wolfe Hall, addition and renovate existing building

Conceptually looking at the expansion of the athletic facility.

1798 enrolled students which is a new record for the number of students. No new dorms being added. Strategic plan shows 1800 students and they are not planning to grow beyond that.

74 Grove Street – Presidents House – Begin renovation Fall 2015 adding patio and reconfiguring the driveway.

Work being done in Fall 2015 at Bancroft and Gardner Houses.

2. Nominations to replace Richard Lorant's Seat

Alderman Sangiolo will get the word out that we are seeking a replacement

3 Other Business

Lasell is considering a home study program for international students. How could we engage the community in doing this program – identifying potential hosts? Some could also be Massachusetts students.

Lasell is hosting a Presidential speaker series and would like to do more to invite the community to attend.

Alderman Sangiolo suggested a neighborhood meeting to engage with community and discuss construction updates.

Lasell/Mt. Ida's new Chief of Police is John Kennedy, formerly Lasell's Director of Public Safety. Walkways – the yellow bumpy pads are coming up and failing.

Field lighting is on hold. Lasell is looking at lower lights, previously looked at higher, reduce light pollution. This project is budgeted for 2017. Alderman Sangiolo voiced concerns for expanded use allowed by lights.

Action Items:

Alderman Sangiolo will get work out to the neighborhood that they are seeking a replace for the Council.

A Fall 2015 community meeting will be held on September 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in Hamel House at 221 Woodland Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Freas, Acting Director
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