

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

November 16, 2015

That, pursuant to Section 2-7 of the Revised Ordinances of 2012, as amended, after a public hearing and upon recommendation of the Real Property Reuse Committee through its Chair Susan Albright, it is hereby

ORDERED:

That the property located at 70 Crescent Street (hereinafter referred to as “the Site”), containing approximately 60,000 square feet of land, identified as a portion of Section 33, Block 06, Lot 061, and containing the former Parks and Recreation administrative offices as well as the current Parks and Recreation maintenance facility, be transferred to the temporary custody of the Public Buildings Department for the purpose of developing and constructing a mixed-income residential rental project (the “Housing Project”), and to enlarge the adjacent Reverend Ford Playground to the maximum extent possible; and,

Following development of the Site as recommended in this Board Order, the Housing Project shall be transferred to the custody of the Newton Community Development Authority (NCDA), and any land not needed for the Housing Project shall be transferred back to the Parks and Recreation Department to be combined with the adjacent Reverend Ford Playground.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That NCDA, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Public Buildings Department work collaboratively with input from the community on plans for the Housing Project and the Reverend Ford Playground as a whole, including the Myrtle Baptist Church.
2. That the Housing Project have a minimum of 50% affordable units and that such units represent a range of affordability.
3. That the Housing Project include a context sensitive design that has a compact footprint and modest sized units so that the adjacent Reverend Ford Playground will be expanded to the maximum extent possible with the addition of land from the Site not needed for the Housing Project. The final site plan shall include a minimum of 20,000 square feet of open space to be used to enlarge the playground/open space area.
4. That the Housing Project be limited to eight units.
5. That the Housing Project demonstrates high performance energy efficiency and best building practices.

6. That the integrated site plan for the Housing Project and the Reverend Ford Playground improve public access to the Reverend Ford Playground. The City shall continue to pursue the acquisition of the adjacent Eversource property for further expansion or access to the playground/open space area.
7. That the City shall continue to work with the Myrtle Baptist Church regarding its needs for additional parking and additional means of egress and ingress to the church property.

Under Suspension of Rules

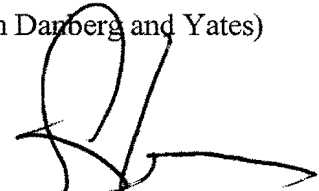
Readings Waived and Approved

20 yeas 2 nays (Aldermen Brousal-Glaser and Norton) 2 absent (Aldermen Danberg and Yates)



(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON

City Clerk



(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN

Mayor