

Natick Community Development Advisory Committee
Natick Town Hall
June 5, 2007, 8:45 am

The meeting was called to order by Carol Gloff, Chair, at 9:05 am.

Present: Carol Gloff, Bruce Weisberg, Debra Harmon, Laura Senier, Andrew Meyer, Patrick Reffett

Absent: Paul Mulkerron

Review of Minutes. Minutes of the May 5th meeting were approved with no changes.
Motion: Bruce Weisberg. Second: Laura Senier. In favor: 5. Opposed: 0. Abstain 0.

LIP Program Minimum Criteria. Carol reported that the Board of Selectmen has approved the minimum criteria for affordable housing units to be made available through the Town's Local Initiative Program (LIP). These specifications have been forwarded to Mass DHCD for review and approval. If approved, General Growth will be able to proceed with locating and purchasing existing units in the Town for inclusion in the LIP, as part of their agreement for the Mall expansion.

Inspectional Services RFP. The Board of Selectmen has approved a Request for Proposals for the inspectional services on units that will be made available through the Town's LIP. The Town will hire the inspector through a contract, salary to be paid by General Growth. The Board of Selectmen have proposed instituting a committee of five people to review applications and award a contract. This committee will include the Town Administrator, the Town's Director of Community Development, one representative from the Board of Selectmen, and two representatives from the Community Development Advisory Committee. The desirability of awarding the contract to a local firm was discussed, should the opportunity arise. After some discussion, the committee nominated Bruce Weisberg and Laura Senier to this committee.
Motion: Andrew Meyer. Second: Deb Harmon. In favor: 5. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 0.

Update from Community Development. Patrick reported that a contractor has been selected to conduct the lottery on the two units at Dewey Street. The lottery is expected to begin within the next two weeks.

Patrick reported that the proposed 40B project at South Natick Hills is expected to be permitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals at their next meeting. It will include 268 units, 25% of which will be affordable.

Patrick reported that the West Natick Neighborhood Association will be hosting a meeting on June 25, at 7:00 pm, at the Cole Center to discuss the proposed 40B development on Chrysler Road.

Municipal Preference Criteria. The committee discussed instituting municipal preference criteria, which would ensure that up to 70% of available affordable units will be reserved in a lottery for targeted constituencies. The committee discussed inclusion criteria and agreed that such criteria should include: children or parents of current residents, employees of the town, and current residents.

Motion: Bruce Weisberg. Second: Laura Senier. In favor: 4. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 1.

Next meeting. Tuesday, July 10, at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.