



Symmes Advisory Committee

Update for Arlington's
Board of Selectmen
August 27, 2001



Agenda

- Actions of Voters, Selectmen and Town Meeting
- Symmes Advisory Committee
- Mission and Objectives
- Important Dates
- Process: Open, Transparent and Inclusive
- Status

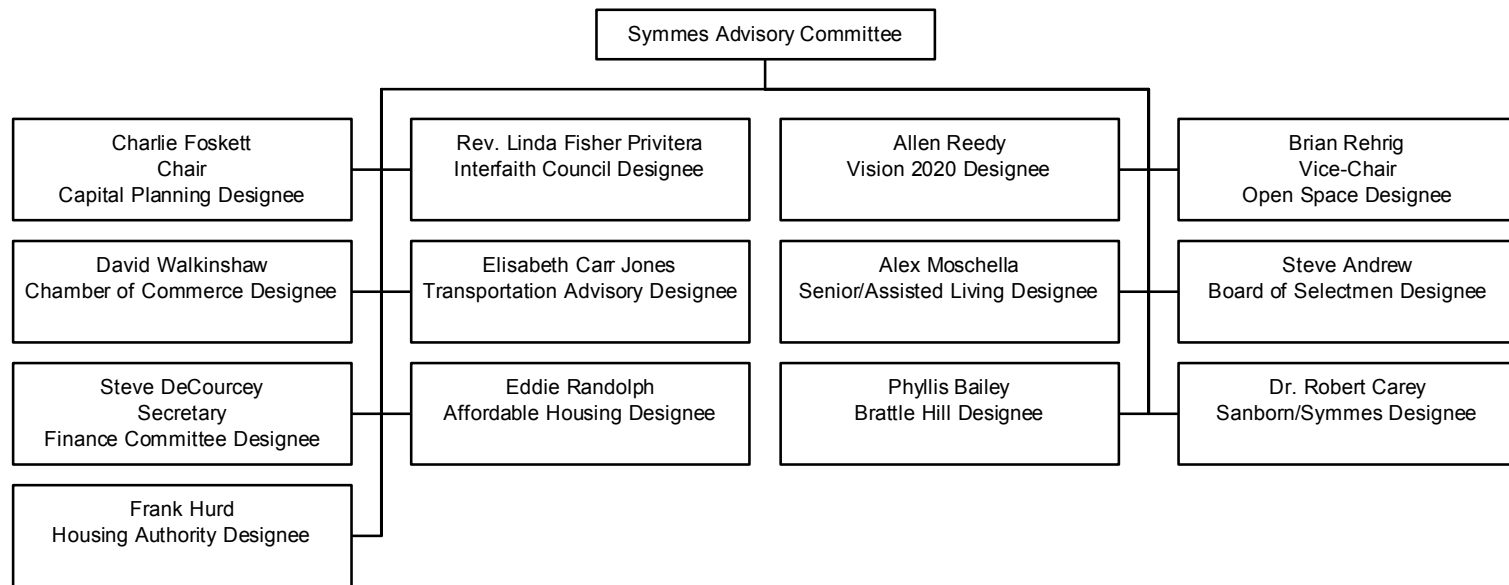


Voters, Selectmen and Town Meeting

- Selectmen set policy objectives and put debt exclusion on ballot.
- Voters approved debt exclusion for Symmes Property 59.2% to 33% ■
- Selectmen moved to organize and support an advisory committee.
- Town Meeting created the Symmes Advisory Committee with Article 77.

Organization

Symmes Advisory Committee



Symmes Advisory Committee Working Groups





Selectmen's Objectives

- Responsible development to benefit the whole Town.
- Revenue neutral or positive for Town.
- Maintain large open space footprint.
- Protect neighborhood character through appropriate use of the property.
- Limited residential use including affordable housing.
- Encourage additional medical as well as office use of site.



Committee Activities

Mission Statement: Article 77

- Objectives
- Process
- Tasks
- Schedule



Mission Statement

The Symmes Advisory Committee is to advise and assist the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, the Redevelopment Board and the Town Meeting in determining the appropriate uses for the Symmes Campus, and shall report its recommendations to the 2002 Annual Town meeting or such intervening Special Town meeting if such recommendations are available.



Strategic Goals

- Endorse the general proposition to acquire the Symmes Property under fiscally appropriate conditions and endorse the use of Symmes Property under the principles outlined by the Board of Selectmen.
- Given a fiscally viable assessment of the development potential of the site, undertake the appropriate actions to convince Town meeting to acquire the Symmes Property at the October 1, 2001 Special Town meeting.
- Develop and implement a plan, using internal Town resources, broad community input and professional third party advisors including multiple options if possible; which plan shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen by a date to be determined.



Key Dates

- Agreement on purchase – unknown.
- October 1, 2001 Special Town Meeting.
- December 2001 – FY 2003 budgets.
- January 2002 – Warrant for 2002 Town Meeting.
- April 2002 – Regular Town Meeting.
- Later dates need to be adjusted.



Process: Open, Transparent and Inclusive

The goals call for broad community participation and the committee determined that a working group structure would help assure an open, transparent and inclusive process. The working groups, made up of both appointed committee members and citizen volunteers, will be collecting information, researching options, analyzing alternatives and preparing reports for upcoming town meetings.



Subject Matter Expertise

- Subject Matter Expertise Working Groups will explore possible uses for the Symmes site, conduct research and community forums, and report back to the committee on their findings.
- Subject Matter Expertise Working Groups
 - Residential Use – Eddie Randolph
 - Commercial Use – Steve Andrew
 - Medical Use – Alex Moschella
 - Public Use – Brian Rehrig



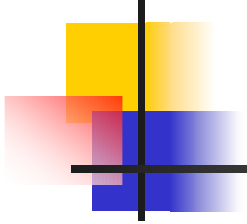
Operational Support

- Operational Support Working Groups will provide assistance to the committee in carrying out its schedule and plans, and will serve as advisors to the subject matter groups.
- Operational Support Working Groups
 - Financial Analysis – Steve DeCoursey
 - Message Coordination – Linda Fisher Privitera
 - Media Coordination – Elisabeth Carr-Jones
 - Community Outreach – Bob Carey



Status

- Committee Organized, 8 meetings to date
- Goals, Objectives and Process set at high level
- Working Groups formed
- Call for citizen volunteers implemented
- Volunteers are responding
- Working Groups are meeting
- Need to set new dates re TM vote



Thank you!



Debt Exclusion Vote

Debt Exclusion Vote March 31, 2001

	Votes	Per Cent
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In Favor	4441	59.2%
Opposed	2476	33.0%
Blank	588	7.8%

Total	7505	100.0%
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