

SYMMEs ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 7, 2002

Andrew	DeCoursey	Randolph	
Bailey	Fisher Privitera	Reedy*	
Carey	Foskett*	Rehrig*	
Carr-Jones*	Hurd	Walkinshaw*	

*Indicates Present

Participants: John Maher, Town Counsel; Alan McClennen, Director of Planning and Community Development; Cindy Friedman and Lynne Lowenstein, Community Outreach Working Group Co-Chairs

Charles Foskett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Due to the lack of sufficient Committee members to reach a quorum, review of the minutes of February 28, 2002 was postponed until the next meeting.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS: Ms. Friedman and Ms. Lowenstein reported that the Community Outreach Working Group had met and had discussed their contributions to the RFP for professional consultants.

Mr. Rehrig reported that the Public Use Working Group had met, discussed the RFP, and were continuing their work on the Criteria for Use Evaluation.

WARRANT ARTICLE UPDATE: Mr. Maher reported that the work to finalize the Symmes Warrant Article for Town Meeting should be completed by the next SAC meeting. He explained that outside counsel was aiding in the portion of the Article relating to special legislation authorizing the Town to reduce its tax levy to pay back the taxpayers for acquisition and maintenance costs for the Symmes site.

URBAN RENEWAL PLAN: Mr. McClennen reported that he would soon be meeting with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the Urban Renewal Plan filed in February for the Symmes property.

DRAFT RFP FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS: Copies of the updated draft Request For Proposal for professional consultants were distributed to the meeting participants. Mr. Rehrig and Mr. Walkinshaw reported that the Financial Analysis Working Group had met with the Arlington Redevelopment Board and was in the process of editing the document for content, clarity and consistency.

Committee members discussed the intent of the RFP, how it fits into the overall plan for development of the Symmes site, the relationship with the Arlington Redevelopment Board in the RFP process, and the role of the consultant in defining the best realistic uses of the site for the people of Arlington. Mr. Rehrig and Mr. Walkinshaw communicated that another updated draft will be prepared by the Working Group for the next SAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.