

Symmes Advisory Committee Public Use Working Group Meeting Minutes, 1 April 2002 Arlington Senior Center

Attending: Harris Band, Greg Blass, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Steve Frigand, Ellen Kushner, Ann LeRoy, Suzi Lubar, Deborah O'Donnell, Brian Rehrig (Chair)

Not Attending: Jim Marzilli, Linda Privitera (Vice Chair), Sue Sheffler, Denis Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

Elisabeth Carr-Jones reported that the minutes of the 18 March 2002 meeting of the Symmes Advisory Committee (SAC) Public Use Working Group would not be ready until the next meeting.

Working Group Membership

Deborah O'Donnell was welcomed as a member of the Public Use Working Group.

Status of RFP and Acquisition

Brian Rehrig reported that the Committee had completed its work on the Request For Proposals for professional consultants, and had submitted it to the Arlington Redevelopment Board (ARB) for consideration. Brian explained that the ARB would be meeting later in the evening to discuss the document, and that his attendance would be required at the meeting. Brian also announced that with the approval of the Urban Renewal Plan by the State and the Town moving ahead with its preparations for the bond issue, closing on the property was expected on 16 April, 2002.

Criteria for Use Evaluation

Steve Frigand presented the latest modifications to the Criteria for Use Evaluation from the previous Working Group meeting. These modifications included calculated numerical weights for each of the criterion. The Group tried out an alternative weighting approach that did not involve prioritizing the three categories. The results very much confirmed the rankings of the 15 criterion found in the first approach. However, the Group preferred the simplicity and smaller spread of weightings found in the second approach. Steve agreed to update the Criteria and prepare an introduction/explanation for presentation of the Criteria to the SAC for the Working Group's next meeting.

Working Group members also discussed the possible uses of the criterion. It was established that the criterion could be useful at different stages of the project for different levels of screening of public use proposals and that they could also help shape our outreach by defining questions for public use contacts.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Symmes Public Use Working Group was set for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 23 April 2002 at the Jefferson Cutter House.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Handouts

1 April 2002 Meeting Agenda, 18 March 2002 Meeting Minutes, results of Alternative Public Uses trial exercise of Criteria for Use Evaluation