

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dobbs Ferry held on Tuesday evening, October 20, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Charles Lester, presiding, Trustees Francis Farrington, Martin Greenberg, Jane Morgenstern, Bruce Raaka, Lisa Romano-Luzon and William Sherwood, Village Administrator Margaret Slavin, Village Attorney Kevin Plunkett and Village Clerk-Treasurer Matthew P. Carey.

Motion was made by Trustee Romano-Luzon, seconded by Trustee Greenberg, to adjourn the meeting to workshop session to discuss zoning issues related to the Gateway Project and to reconvene in regular session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried, all voting "aye."

Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dobbs Ferry held on Tuesday evening, October 20, 1998. Present: Mayor Charles Lester, presiding, Trustees Francis Farrington, Martin Greenberg, Jane Morgenstern, Bruce Raaka, Lisa Romano-Luzon and William Sherwood, Village Administrator Margaret Slavin, Village Attorney Kevin Plunkett and Village Clerk-Treasurer Matthew P. Carey.

The Board discussed the overlay zone proposed by Project for Public Spaces (PPS) for the Gateway area.

It was the consensus of the Board that the existing uses within the business zone should be amended before an overlay zone is imposed in the Gateway area.

Motion was made by Mayor Lester, seconded by Trustee Raaka, to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal matters and to reconvene in regular session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried, all voting "aye."

The workshop was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Executive Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dobbs Ferry held on Tuesday evening, October 20, 1998. Present: Mayor Charles Lester, presiding, Trustees Francis Farrington, Martin Greenberg, Jane Morgenstern, Bruce Raaka, Lisa Romano-Luzon and William Sherwood, Village Administrator Margaret Slavin, Village Attorney Kevin Plunkett and Village Clerk-Treasurer Matthew P. Carey.

Village Attorney Plunkett updated the Board on the status of the Village's attempts to acquire the former Carvel property as a future site for a new Village maintenance facility.

The Board adjourned the executive meeting and reconvened in regular session at 8:00 p.m.

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The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Trustee Sherwood.

Mr. Jim Lotto of Jim Lotto Architects, the Village's consultant, was present to discuss his proposed design to Gould Park with regard to the CDBG improvement project commenced in 1996 and advised the following: the proposed design will connect the upper and lower levels of the park for handicap accessibility; the stairs on Ashford Avenue will be improved with an intermediary landing; there will be handicap parking along Washington Avenue; the stairs on Washington Avenue will be removed and replaced with clean fill; all existing asphalt in the park will be replaced with bomachrome material – a depressed concrete; the fencing will be replaced with a five foot vinyl coated chain-link fence; the proposed railing will include posts every six feet to prevent skateboarding; and the handrail must be unencumbered.

Trustee Morgenstern questioned the use of a chain-link fence eluding to PPS' proposal that no chain-link fence be used within the Gateway area.

In response to comments from the Board, Mr. Lotto advised the following: the proposed chain-link fence is relatively inexpensive but there is room in his plan to make the proposed improvements in segments if alternate fencing is desired; if the Board approves the plan this evening, he can proceed in preparing the necessary bid documents; the proposed construction schedule includes soliciting bids in December, and commencing the project in March to be completed by the Memorial Day weekend; lighting at the entryways will be moved as required.

Superintendent of Public Works Dunn and Administrator Slavin advised the following: the park building and pool area need to be very well lit; a security system was installed in the park building this Summer; and the existing gates do not currently work; and the replacement gate will be locked every evening.

Mayor Lester acknowledged receipt of a letter from Bill Lachenaur of Dolph Rotfeld Engineering, the Village's Consultant, advising that the two recently constructed water tanks at Children's Village have met all requirements for disinfection and that they will be fully operational by October 14, 1998.

In response to an inquiry by Trustee Greenberg, Administrator Slavin advised that a letter has been drafted to Children's Village requiring that the Village be notified whenever either tank is off line.

Mayor Lester acknowledged receipt of a memo from the Nominating Committee recommending that Jim McCarthy be appointed as a member to the Youth Services Council.

Motion was made by Trustee Greenberg, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, appointing Jim McCarthy as a member of the Youth Services Council for a term to expire July, 2001. Motion carried, all voting "aye."

Mayor Lester acknowledged receipt of a letter from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services advising that the Village's previous award of \$2,334 to support the Police Department's DARE Program has been supplemented by an additional \$1,666 in grant funding.

Motion was made by Trustee Morgenstern, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, to accept the additional \$1,666 funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Motion carried, all voting "aye."

Mayor Lester acknowledged receipt of a memo from Police Chief Longworth recommending that the \$4,000 grant awarded to the Village by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services be used to implement a bicycle patrol which would be staffed by current personnel.

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Lieutenant Gelardi advised that officers assigned to the Bicycle Patrol would be required to complete two weeks of training and be able to pedal an average of twenty-five miles a day.

Motion was made by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Greenberg, to authorize the use of the \$4,000 grant awarded to the Village by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to implement a Bicycle Patrol in the Village. Motion carried, all voting "aye."

Ms. Eileen Fernandez expressed her concern regarding the proposed location of the library as well as the current condition of Main Street and stated the following: a library at the Main Street lot will increase traffic on Main Street; the Fire Department trucks will not be able to enter Hudson Terrace; seven spaces will be lost at the Main Street lot; absentee landlords on Main Street neither shovel nor sweep; there is garbage all over Main Street; and garbage regulations are not being complied with.

In response to comments from Ms. Fernandez, Mayor Lester advised that the Village has issued many summonses this Summer with regard to violations of garbage regulations and that detailed surveillance will need to be implemented to monitor the situation. Mayor Lester further requested that Village staff research what has been done to address the situation over the past six months.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Charles Baiano, Mayor Lester advised the following: the parking at Station Plaza is temporary; the success of the new bus route to the train station will have to be monitored; and he is hoping that the temporary parking will be eliminated by the end of the year.

Mayor Lester, noting that the Westchester County Bee Line Bus System has extended Bus Route 66 to include trips to the Dobbs Ferry Train Station by way of the Village of Ardsley, advised that the new schedule will commence on October 26, 1998.

Motion was made by Trustee Morgenstern, seconded by Trustee Romano-Luzon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all voting "aye."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.