

Planning Board Meeting
(meeting is being recorded)

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014 the Holyoke Planning Board held a Public Meeting in the 4th Floor Conference Room, City Hall Annex, Holyoke City Hall, Holyoke, MA 01040 at 600 p.m.

Attendance:

Planning Board

Mimi Panitch Chairman
 Christian LaChapelle..... Vice-Chairman
 Eileen Regan Member

Planning Staff

Marcos Marrero..... Director
 Jeffrey Burkott Principal Planner
 Claire Ricker Senior Planner
 Sharon Konstantinidis..... Head Clerk

Stormwater Authority

Dave Moore Chairman
 Jose Garcia Member
 Matthew Sokop City Engineer

OPEN

MIMI PANITCH called for a motion to open the Planning Board meeting at 6:10 p.m. A motion was made by EILEEN REGAN and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPELLE. The motion carried 3-0.

ZONE CHANGE/ SITE PLAN REVIEW/ SUBDIVISION /SPECIAL PERMIT

- 1. Site Plan Review (SPR) Continuation – Lyman Street Revitalization, 2-16 Court Street**
Public Hearing continued until January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Special Permit Continuation – Section 5.4 Multiple Principal Structures, Lyman Street Revitalization**
Public Hearing continued until January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- 3. Special Permit Continuation – Section 6.1.7 Reduction of Parking, Lyman Street Revitalization**
Public Hearing continued until January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- 4. Site Plan Review (SPR)–Section 10 – Pride Stores, LLC, 1553 Dwight Street**
Public Hearing continued to January 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
- 5. Special Permit – Section 6.4.6.4 Increase in Sign Size, Pride Stores, LLC, 1553 Dwight Street**
Public Hearing continued to January 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
- 6. City Council Joint Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Special Permits**
Public Hearing continued to February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD BUSINESS

A) Project Updates/Old Business/New Business

Rail Platform – MARCOS MARRERO stated that the pouring of the footings was expected to begin next week, the monitoring wells were tested for potential contamination, and the ground breaking would soon be scheduled.

Marcotte Ford - JEFFREY BURKOTT stated that Marcotte Ford Dealership was moving forward with expansion plans at 933 Main Street. The preliminary plans suggest a 42,000 square foot 2-story building and entrance reconfiguration.

Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School – MIMI PANITCH stated that information was circulating indicating that School, currently located in a portion of the former Atlas Copco building at 161 Lower Westfield Road, will remain there longer than the anticipated 2 years as they have given up their intentions to relocate to the HCC site.

B) Meeting Schedule

The next Planning Board meeting scheduled was as follows:

December 23, 2014: The Board agreed that there would be no meeting.

January 13, 2015: City Council Joint Public Hearing continuation regarding Auto Related uses (6:30), Lyman Street Revitalization SPR continuation (7:00), Holyoke Hotel SPR #2 continuation (7:30), and Pride Stores, LLC SPR continuation (7:30).

JEFFREY BURKOTT noted that the Attorney for Pride Stores, LLC had requested a continuation to January 13th as his application for a Special Permit for a convenience store with the City Council may need to be amended to include a drive-thru.

C) Minutes

There were no minutes to come before the Board.

D) Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

E) Correspondence

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Planning Board, MIMI PANITCH, at 6:22 p.m., called for a motion to close the Planning Board Meeting for the purpose of attending the Joint Public Hearing with the City Council Ordinance Committee. A motion was made by EILEEN REGAN and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPALLE. The motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark Joy, Secretary

