Public Hearing Minutes
Planning Board Site Plan Review
Fairfield Inn, 245 Whiting Farms Road
(meeting is being recorded)

On Tuesday, October 27, 2015, the Holyoke Planning Board held a Public Hearing regarding a Site Plan Review for the property located 245 Whiting Farms Road, submitted by Shield Hotel Management. The meeting was held in the 4th Floor Conference Room, City Hall Annex, 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, Holyoke, Massachusetts at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Planning Board

Mimi Panitch	Chairperson
Christian LaChapelle.....	Vice-Chairman
John Kelley	Member
Eileen Regan	Member
Harry Montalvo	Associate

Planning Staff

Jeffrey Burkott	Principal Planner
Sharon Konstantinidis	Head Clerk

Others Present

John Furman	VHB
John Redmond	Shield Hotel Management

MIMI PANITCH at 6:03 p.m., called for a motion to open the Public Hearing. A motion was made by EILEEN REGAN and seconded by CHRIS LACHEPELLE. The motion carried 4-0.

JOHN FURMAN provided a brief overview of the site and what encompassed the previously approved Master Plan (file #101) noting that the proposed Fairfield Inn was part of the former Holyoke Hotel. He stated that minor changes had occurred once construction had begun. The existing sewer line was unable to be reused and was replaced and relocated along the adjacent building. The water line design had minor changes at the request of the Water Department and light signal plans were provided to the City Engineer. Elevations were viewed and a photo rendering from the northeast & northwest corners.

JOHN FURMAN reviewed the October 27, 2015 responses to Planning Department comment letter. He stated that per the City Engineer comment letter dated October 22, 2015, he was not able to provide a construction schedule until the final MADOT plans were approved. All the Master Plan conditions have been addressed as requested by the former City Engineer. He noted that a road opening permit will not be submitted prior to the winter moratorium and therefore will be addressed in the Spring 2016.

MIMI PANITCH asked for those that wish to speak in favor or against, or to ask questions to come forward. No one was forthcoming.

At 6:18 p.m., a motion was made by CHRIS LACHAPELLE and seconded by EILEEN REGAN to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Regan

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Holyoke Planning Board