Public Hearing Minutes
Planning Board
Site Plan Review – US Tsubaki
(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 821 Main Street, submitted by Robert Benard. 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

Robert Benard	US Tsubaki
Virgin Espada	33 Meadow Street

MIMI PANITCH at 6:19 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.

ROBERT BENARD stated that proposed was the addition of an 8-foot black vinyl coated chain link fence (to match the existing HG&E fence) on the north and south end of the former Coolidge Street in an effort to secure the property. The north fence is a retractable gate that would open on their property, cross over Coolidge, and run parallel to Meadow Street; a licensed agreement with the City has been obtained. The south side gate would not be accessible except by emergency vehicles; it would open automatically. Key card access would be provided to the HG&E for the ability to service the adjacent solar field. Additional arborvitaes would be provided outside the fence on Cooledge Street. JEFFREY BURKOTT responded that permission would have to be obtained from the DPW if plantings were to be on City property instead of moving the fence 4 feet to compensate for the plantings.

MIMI PANITCH asked for those that wish to speak in favor or against, or to ask questions to come forward. VIRGIN ESPADA spoke in favor of the project stating that the property looked nice.

At 6:35 p.m., a motion was made by EILEEN REGAN and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPELLE to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Regan

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Holyoke Planning Board