

Planning Board  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Wednesday, November 17, 1971  
3:00 P. M., City Hall

Agenda

3:00 P. M. - View

1. Grand Street - abandon a portion
2. Hershey Street - add to official map
3. Brief Street - remove from official map

4:30 P. M. - Regular Meeting - Room 209 - City Hall

1. call to order
2. minutes of October 27, 1971
3. Humes Avenue - priority
4. Chicopee Street - priority
5. Mount Avenue - priority
6. Cornhill Street - priority
7. Land Use study status report
8. Code Enforcement Program status report
9. date of next meeting
10. plans to be ratified
11. any other business
12. recess

5:30 P. M. - Dinner - Putnam & Thurston's Restaurant

7:30 P. M. - Public Hearings - Council Chamber - City Hall

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8:30 P. M. - Regular Meeting - Room 209 - City Hall

1. call to order
2. items of public hearing
3. adjournment.

The Planning Board met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 1971 in Room 209, City Hall.

Members present were: Carlton B. Payson, Philip A. Segel, Frederic R. Butler, Lloyd Anderson and Carl H. Koontz.

Others present were: Gerard F. McNeil, Francis J. Donahue, John J. Reney, Charles A. Abdella and Alexander A. Pridotkas.

The Board viewed the following areas:

1. Grand Street - abandon a portion
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Mr. Payson called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Minutes of October 27, 1971. Mr. Butler moved that the minutes of October 27, 1971 be approved. Mr. Segel seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

Humes Avenue - priority. Mr. Segel moved that Humes Avenue be given a No. 5 priority. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

Chicopee Street - priority. Mr. Anderson moved that Chicopee Street be given a No. 1 priority. Mr. Segel seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

Mount Avenue - priority. Mr. Segel moved that Mount Avenue be given a No. 5 priority. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

Cornhill Street - priority. Mr. Anderson moved that Cornhill Street be given a No. 2 priority. Mr. Segel seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

Land Use Study status report. Mr. McNeil explained to the Board that the Planning Department was doing a new land use study throughout the entire city. He explained that within the central business district they were doing a floor by floor study and this would tell where the changes were taking place, where the vacancies occur and give an idea as to what type of action should be taken in any particular period.

Code Enforcement Program status report. Mr. McNeil explained the Code Enforcement Program which would be carried out by the Health Department. He said that the area was located in the Main South area, a section that was not beyond rehabilitation but in a deteriorating stage. He said that the length of the program was one year and the cost was \$300,000. He said that the city's share would be 1/3 of that. He also explained that if other state funds were received for road construction, that money was applicable as part of the city's share.

Date of next meeting. The date of the next meeting was set for December 1, 1971.

Plans to be ratified. Mr. Segel moved that the following plans be ratified:

- #1523 - plan of land on Greenwood St., owned by Anna C. Kabachenski, signed 10/21/71.
- #1524 - plan of land on Lovell St., owned by George W. Toupin, signed 10/21/71.
- #1525 - plan of land at Whipple & Steele Sts., owned by Edward H. Steele and Ruth L. Burgoyne, signed 10/27/71.
- #1526 - plan of land on Hancock Hill Drive, owned by Paul J. Callahan, signed 11/5/71.
- #1527 - plan of land at Mill St. & Chandler St., owned by Wesby Realty, Inc., signed 11/5/71.
- #1528 - plan of land at Houghton & Acton Sts., owned by Leo A. Mark & George W. Forgues, signed 11/17/71.
- #1529 - plan of land on Southwest Cutoff, owned by Worcester Diamond T. Sales Corp., signed 11/17/71.
- #1530 - plan of land on Heard St., owned by Elizabeth L. Lavigne, signed 11/17/71.

Mr. Koontz seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

The Board recessed at 5:30 P.M. for dinner at Putnam & Thurston's Restaurant.

The Board reconvened at 7:30 P.M. for its public hearings in the Council Chamber.

Grand Street - abandon a portion. Mr. Payson read the notice of hearing. He then asked for those in favor of the petition.

Mr. Goldberg explained that there were many problems with the tunnel. He said that there was a light pole down and that there were open wires and a portion of the fence was down. He said that the reason for this was that young people were meeting at the tunnel.

Mr. Payson then asked for those opposed to the petition.

Mr. Reney explained that there was a 33" sewer in the tunnel and that it should be kept open, and asked what would be the means of access to this sewer if the petition was approved.

Mr. McNeil asked what the nearest other public access for pedestrians over or under the railroad was, and if Mr. Goldberg had a pedestrian count.

Mr. Goldberg said that there was one about one block away over the railroad, and he said that he did not have a count.

Mr. Payson then declared the hearing closed.

Hershey Street - add to official map. Mr. Payson read the notice of hearing. He then asked for those in favor of the petition.

Mr. McNeil explained that in order for a street to be placed on the Official Map at this period of time, it would have to be established that the street was left off in error by the Planning Board in June of 1953 and at that time, the street would have to be open and in use by more than two abutting owners.

Mr. Jack C. Stromberg of 9 Goulding St. stated that he was in favor of the petition.

Mr. Sargent also stated that he was in favor of the petition.

Mr. Koontz moved that the hearing be continued until December 1, 1971. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

Brief Street - remove from official map. Mr. Payson read the notice of hearing.

He then asked for those in favor of the petition.

Mr. William A. Nideur of 34 Harold St. said that the petition was an error, that he did not want the whole street removed from the official map, but rather wanted to make Brief St. from Anderson Ave. to the brook a dead end, and from Harold St. to the brook off the map.

Mr. McNeil explained that any way which is not a public way, appearing on the official map of the city may be modified or removed therefrom by the Planning Board acting in accordance to the procedures set forth in Section 81F provided that there is no objection at a public hearing by any person in interest.

Mrs. James Cashman of 23 Anderson Ave. stated that she was opposed to the petition.

Mr. Payson suggested that Mr. Nideur file another petition. He then asked for any others opposed to the petition. There being no response, Mr. Payson declared the hearing closed.

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Mr. Anderson said that he felt this was a police problem and not a Planning Board problem. Mr. Anderson moved denial of the petition.

Mr. Reney stated that he was concerned with access to the sewer.

Mr. Koontz seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 4-1 vote. Mr. Segel opposed.

Brief Street - remove from Official Map. Mr. Anderson moved that the petition be denied. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.