

Devens Citizens Advisory Committee

33 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA 01434

Meeting Notes
October 3, 2005

Devens Committee Members Present:

Dave Winters-Chair, Mike Boucher, Bob Eisengrein, Phil Crosby and Tom Kinch

Other Present:

Hongmin Chen, Kathleen Bernklow, Bette Barbadoro, Heather Knowles, Armen Demerjian, Ken Ashe, John Knowles

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes:

September 19th minutes approved

Committee Reports

MassDevelopment Zoning and Housing Cap Subcommittee

Mike Boucher and Tom Kinch

Mike Boucher informed us they have met twice with some progress being made. They are looking at our housing number vs. MassDevelopments. Tom indicated that through the process that's established we are a long way apart. This has to be understood. From his point of view if consensus does prevail it will be a shock for a lot of people. They will need about two weeks to complete task.

Salerno Circle Subcommittee

Mike Boucher, Chair, Mike Donebedian, Dan Saroff

No meeting

Barnum Road Subcommittee

Tom Kinch, Chair, Kim Hebert, Lynn Cheney

Tom reported they have met twice. They have a site description; it covers 36 acres with 21 still available for development. Anticipated revenue for this parcel as it currently stands is 135K/yr. This parcel is a revenue producer for whoever has jurisdiction. They will need another two weeks to complete task.

North Post Subcommittee

Phil Crosby, Chair, Ken Ashe, Armen Demerjian

Phil indicated they've had one meeting. They have a preliminary list of pros/cons. They will need another two-four weeks.

Shirley Growth Area Subcommittee

Bob Eisengrein, Chair, Guillermo Rivera, Rick Bernklow

Bob said they've met twice and they haven't gotten far. Their hope is to have a draft by the end of this week. They followed a similar approach as Phil's group with the pros/cons. They will need about 4 weeks to complete the task.

Survey Subcommittee

Dave Winters, Chair, Phil Crosby, Dick Leonhardt, Heather Knowles

Dave indicated they have met once and the basic feeling is that mid to early November is too early. They all agree there is a definite need for further education before the survey goes out.

Public Hearings

Dave suggested we schedule public hearings-more than one. First there needs to be a thorough description of the Disposition process along with the DDEB and the four scenarios. Second we will need to have the completed reports of all above mentioned subcommittees. Third could be videotaped. Very important to have an open process, even invite representatives of other stakeholders.

Mike agrees with the idea. He likes the DVD idea; it's difficult for some of the residents to attend meetings. It's a great idea to bring the other stakeholders in to get each point of view. He also said with the number of residents why couldn't we contact them by phone. If we split it up we can do that fairly easily between us.

Phil would like to know how much time/energy do we put into getting people informed about what's going on. Are there any triggers?

Bob said the newsletters are not enough. What is the DDEB process? He suggests looking at what's happened what may happen. Put some type of guide out with frequently asked questions.

Tom thinks as a group we need to create an overview of a plan. There are a lot of good ideas; we have to agree how to do that. Tom made the following motion:

To assign a board member to implement the program of communication to the residents using the tools of newsletters, public hearings and phone/personal contact.

After much discussion the motion passed. There are three immediate tasks that need to be addressed. Bob will handle the newsletters, Mike will handle the phone contact and Dave will be responsible for the public hearings.

DDEB Updates

- A. Coordinating Committee: Mike said they are basically working on the charges that were assigned at the last meeting.
- B. Governance Committee: no meeting
- C. Finance Committee: Mike said they looked at the financial model report from the consultants. The model is set and looks very good.
- D. Housing & Transportation: no meeting
- E. Land Use & Open Space: no meeting
- F. Communications Committee

Public Comment

**October Meetings: Monday October 3rd @ 7:00 pm
Monday October 24th @ 7:00 pm**