

**NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD
566 WASHINGTON STREET
NORWOOD, MA 02062**

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES, JANUARY 9, 2012

Present: Thomas J. Wynne, Chairman
Ernie Paciorkowski, Vice-Chairman
E. William Bamber, Clerk
Joseph F. Sheehan
Stephen M. Costello, Town Planner
Claire Murphy, Admin Asst

Absent: Paul J. Donohue

7:00 P.M. The Norwood Planning Board meeting was called to order by Mr. Wynne, Chairman, in Room 11, Norwood Town Hall. Mr. Wynne welcomed Mr. Sheehan back to the Planning Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Mr. Bamber to approve the minutes of December 12, 2011, seconded by Mr. Paciorkowski

VOTE 4-0 motion passed

**MINOR SITE PLAN REVIEW - Central Business District Sign – Cedar Markets,
11-15 East Cottage Street**

Present: Aziz Habr, owner

Mr. Habr explained that they are in the process of acquiring Yangtze Express and would like new signage for the restaurant. The proposed signage would be “To Beirut” with the same colors as the Cedar Markets signage and the wording underneath would say Mediterranean Food, Dine-In and Delivery.

MOTION made by Mr. Paciorkowski to approve the new signage for 11-15 East Cottage Street, seconded by Mr. Sheehan

VOTE 4-0 motion passed

MINOR SITE PLAN REVIEW – Central Business District Sign – Quick Stop Convenience Store, 496 Washington Street

Present: Viralkumar Patel, owner

Mr. Patel explained that they are requesting two awnings, one for the front of the building and one for the side of the building. They would be red with white letters, sunbrella canvas signs, non-internally illuminated. Mr. Patel is also replacing the pole sign which would be internally illuminated.

MOTION made by Mr. Bamber to approve the signage request for the Quick Stop Convenience Store at 496 Washington Street, seconded by Mr. Sheehan

VOTE 4-0 motion passed

CON'T PUBLIC HEARING – Special Permit Request – Reduction in Parking for New Apartment Building at Norwood Gardens, 73-97 Hampden Drive

Mr. Costello presented the Planning Board with an e-mail from Atty. James Hilliard, representing Norwood Gardens, with a request to withdraw his clients request for a special permit to allow a reduction in parking for its construction of a 12 unit, one-bedroom building.

The Board also discussed a letter received from Town Counsell stating that the Planning Board did not have jurisdiction in determining the number of parking spaces which would be allowed for the proposed addition to the Norwood Gardens development.

OTHER BUSINESS

Appeal of the Planning Board Decision

Mr. Costello updated the Board on the appeal regarding the Sunoco Gas Station and Convenience Mart brought against the Planning Board by JMK Development.

Update on Grant Applications

Mr. Costello went over the two grant applications recently submitted. One application concerns projecting signs and sandwich board signs and the other is Norwood's Community Development Fund application which funds the Housing Rehab program.

Update on Vanderbilt Strategic Plan

Mr. Costello talked about the money that has been collected so far and the next steps of the project. Once all the money has been collected the Planning Board will issue a Request for Proposal and hire a planning and economic development consultant.

Re- Election

Mr. Wynne told the Planning Board that he will not be seeking re-election in April. Mr. Wynne has been a member of the Planning Board for twenty years and he will be greatly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Mr. Bamber to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Paciorkowski
VOTE 4-0 motion passed