

**BUILDING REUSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
LINCOLN CENTER DIRECTOR'S ROOM
4:30 P.M. - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Crockett, John Dormer, Hope Igdalsky, Kevin L. Zingler, Margaret Hackett, Anne Miller, Tana Parseliti

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Pellegrini, Director of Planning and Economic Development; Gary Anderson, Senior Planner; Jim Williams, Public Works Project Manager

Adoption of October 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Parseliti moved to adopt the October 15, 2008 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Dormer seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Approval of the 2009 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Dormer moved that the Committee accept the 2009 meeting schedule. Ms. Igdalsky seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Cheney Buildings Update

Mr. Pellegrini told the Committee that in response to questions about parking availability around the Cheney buildings and the Bennet Academy complex, planning department staff conducted observations as to the number of spaces used and available in the area. Mr. Anderson said staff observed the parking space utilization in four areas: the two lots on the north side of School Street currently used as parking for Bennet staff; the un-striped lot between the fire station and boiler plant; and the diagonal on-street spaces on Wells Street adjacent to the Bennet playfield. Staff observed the number of open spaces on these lots at three times of the day: 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. from Tuesday, October 21, 2008 to Friday October 24, 2008. He noted there were at least 24 standard spaces available in these areas during each observation. Mr. Pellegrini added staff did not attempt to determine why lots were used or underused and this was simply an exercise in observation. Ms. Hackett suggested staff speak with the principal at Bennet to get a better idea of the parking situation and why certain lots are filled and others are not. Mr. Pellegrini said staff would do so in the near future.

Mr. Zingler suggested the equipment currently stored in the Spruce Street firehouse could be moved to the Cheney firehouse on School Street if necessary. He also noted the police department indicated a need for record and evidence storage. He asked the Committee whether the boiler plant would be an appropriate space for this. By consensus, the Committee agreed to look into this matter and asked Mr. Pellegrini to follow-up with the police department on their needs and possible use of this building.

Case Lodge Update

Mr. Williams told the Committee the building was currently secure and the alarm system in place and functioning.

Ms. Miller asked if there were any opportunities for historic preservation grants for the property. Mr. Pellegrini said there could be limited opportunities for such grants, but these would be matching grants and would require additional money from the Town.

Mr. Zingler told the Committee Ms. Ferguson presented the Case Strategic Plan to the Board of Directors but the Board has yet to act on that plan. By consensus the Committee asked Mr. Zingler to place the Case Lodge Strategic Plan on the Board's upcoming agenda to determine if the Board would endorse the Plan.

Mr. Anderson distributed a brief article on the Case Lodge in the November/December 2008 issue of the Connecticut Preservation News.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Building Reuse Committee will take place on **January 21, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Center Director's Room.**