

Status Report on Bigelow Brook Greenway: Doug Smith

Dr. Smith provided the Agency with a detailed report on the progress of the Bigelow Brook Greenway Committee. He said the Committee is working to secure access on the Hilliard Pond trail from the Timkin property south to West Middle Turnpike. A walk signal has been installed on Middle Turnpike West across from Green Manor Boulevard. He said the Committee and the Manchester Land Trust are also speaking with the Brookhaven Condominium Association about obtaining land adjacent to the Bigelow Brook on the Brookhaven property. That section of Greenway would link Middle Turnpike West to the southern section of the Broad Street Parkade. He said with the Board of Directors' approval the Committee will submit an application to the Department of Environmental Protection to designate the Bigelow Brook Greenway an official greenway. Such a designation would not affect development rights along the Brook but could be valuable in seeking State grant funds.

Executive Session: Possible Acquisition of Real Estate – Broad Street Redevelopment Area

Mr. Darby moved that the Agency move into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible acquisition of real estate in the Broad Street redevelopment area. Mr. Sweet seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

The Agency came out of executive session at 8:45 a.m. No decisions were made.

Other Business

Mr. Pellegrini said he received a response to the certified letter he sent on behalf of the Agency from the owner of the former Chinese Buffet. A meeting has been scheduled for next week.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Agency about the January 26, 2010 presentation on green infrastructure opportunities for the Parkade property. He said that presentation would be at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Center Hearing Room. Consultants from Wallace, Roberts & Todd, LLC will be present to discuss their final report that was completed through a partnership with the Town, Capitol Region Council of Governments and the EPA. The presentation will outline recommendations included in the report as to how the Parkade and other similar vacant shopping centers could be redeveloped in a sustainable way. All Agency members are encouraged to attend and to spread the word to the community.

Mr. Sweet moved to adjourn. Mr. Wlochowski seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Manchester Redevelopment Agency will take place on ***Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the Lincoln Center Hearing Room.***