

**SYMMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 25, 2001**

Andrew	DeCoursey*	McCabe*	Rehrig
Bailey*	Fisher Privitera*	Moschella*	
Carey*	Foskett*	Randolph*	
Carr Jones*	Griffin	Reedy*	

* Indicates Present

Participants: John Maher, Town Counsel; Alan McClennen, Director of Planning and Community Development

Charles Foskett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Committee approved the minutes of July 18, 2001.

RESIGNATION: Mr. Foskett announced that John Griffin had resigned his position as the Arlington Housing Authority's representative to the Committee. The AHA is expected to name a new representative.

TOWN COUNSEL HANDOUTS: Mr. Maher passed out copies of the Open Meeting Law (G.L. c. 39, sec. 23A), the statute concerning powers of an urban renewal agency (G.L. c. 121B, sec 46) and an updated draft of the town meeting warrant article concerning the Symmes land acquisition. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Maher agreed to check with the Department of Revenue regarding language in the draft concerning capital expenditures and to make various other revisions to streamline the draft.

WORKING GROUP ASSIGNMENTS: Mr. Foskett distributed an updated copy of the Committee's Goals Memorandum, copies of a table containing assignments to the 8 working groups and a calendar of proposed target dates. Members discussed participation in the various working group sub-committees and appointments of a Chairman and Vice-chair were made for each sub-committee. The assignments are as follows:

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>	<u>Member(s)</u>
Residential Use	Randolph	Bailey	Griffin
Commercial Use	Bailey	Andrew	DeCoursey Carr Jones McCabe
Medical Use	Moschella	Reedy	Carey
Public Use	Rehrig	Fisher Privitera	Carr Jones
Financial Analysis	DeCoursey	Reedy	Andrew Rehrig
Message Coordination	Fisher Privitera	Reedy	Bailey
Media Coordination	Carr Jones	Moschella	Griffin
Community Outreach	McCabe	Carey	Griffin

Mr. Maher explained that the working groups are public bodies subject to the open meeting laws. Meetings are to be held in locations that are publicly accessible. Mr. Maher agreed to talk with town department heads to see if a permanent committee room could be made available for use by the work groups.

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING OUTLINE: Mr. Foskett distributed a proposed planning outline through October 1, 2001, the date of the Special Town Meeting for the Symmes acquisition. The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion of the target dates leading up to the Town Meeting presentation. In response to concerns raised regarding the relationship between the Committee's target dates and the timetable for the Town's negotiating team, Mr. Maher stated that if Lahey and the Town entered into a purchase and sales agreement, it would be unlikely that the Town's due diligence review could be completed before October 1, 2001. Notwithstanding the uncertainty, Mr. McLennen stated that maintaining the October 1 date as a target sales date was important to keep negotiations moving forward. Mr. Foskett suggested that the Committee consider the status of negotiations on August 15, 2001 as a guide to whether adjustments should be made to the September and October target dates.

On Motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.