

**SYMMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 1, 2001**

Andrew	DeCoursey*	Moschella*	Walkinshaw*
Bailey	Fisher Privitera*	Randolph*	
Carey*	Foskett*	Reedy*	
Carr Jones*	Hurd*	Rehrig*	

* Indicates Present

Participant: 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 25, 2001.

RESIGNATION: Mr. Foskett announced that Harry McCabe had resigned his position as the Selectmen's designee to the Committee.

NEW MEMBERS: Mr. Foskett welcomed two new members to the Committee: Frank Hurd, Executive Director of the Arlington Housing Authority ("AHA"), the designee of the AHA and David Walkinshaw, the designee of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Foskett also announced that the Selectmen had appointed Steve Andrew as their designee to replace Mr. McCabe. Mr. Andrew had previously been the designee of the Chamber of Commerce.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE: Mr. Foskett announced that Mr. Maher informed him that in order to have complete information concerning the Symmes site, November 1, 2001 would be a more realistic date concerning a Special Town Meeting Vote on the purchase of the property, although the date could extend further. Mr. McClennen added that the Town's due diligence review would include a structural analysis and an environmental study.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE: Mr. Foskett distributed an updated copy of the Committee's Project Schedule and the Committee discussed the various target dates in light of the new information received on the Special Town Meeting vote.

PUBLICITY UPDATE: Mr. Reedy announced that he and Ms. Bailey had prepared a draft announcement concerning the recruitment of citizen volunteers for the eight working groups. It was agreed that the Selectmen's office would be designated as the contact for prospective volunteers. Names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the working group chairpersons would be made available at the Selectmen's office.

Ms. Carr Jones distributed a list containing potential vehicles for the Committee's recruiting and future announcements. In addition to the outlets contained therein, the Committee also discussed using existing mailing lists (State of the Town list, PTO lists) for future mailings. Ms. Carr Jones also provided the Committee with a list of Public Meeting Rooms that could be used for the working group meetings. Mr. Foskett encouraged working groups to hold initial meetings prior to the end of August.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEARING: Mr. Foskett announced that the Selectmen had scheduled a hearing on the Symmes acquisition for August 27, 2001. At Mr. McClennen's suggestion, it was agreed that the Committee would make an introductory presentation to the

Selectmen on the 27th . Thereafter, the Committee will make a more substantive presentation to the Selectmen after more information is received from the town's negotiators concerning the acquisition of the property and from the working groups concerning constituent and volunteer feedback.

JURISDICTIONAL POSSIBILITIES: Mr. Foskett suggested that until more work is completed and an alternative emerges, if at all, that the Committee should recognize the Arlington Redevelopment Board ("ARB") as the town agency that would have jurisdictional responsibility over the Symmes property. After several members spoke in favor of Mr. Foskett's proposal, the Committee agreed to make an interim designation of the ARB as the Board which would have responsibility over the Symmes property following its acquisition by the Town.

Due to the change in the proposed timetable, the Committee agreed to postpone its scheduled meeting for August 8, 2001. The next meeting will take place on August 15, 2001 at the Community Safety Building.

On Motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.