

## **Symmes Advisory Committee Public Use Working Group**

### **Meeting Minutes, 3 September 2002**

#### **Symmes Hospital Conference Room**

**Members Attending:** Harris Band, Greg Blass, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Steve Frigand, Ellen Kushner, Ann LeRoy, Suzi Lubar, Deborah O'Donnell, Brian Rehrig (Chair), Jay Verspyck  
**Also in Attendance:** Dr. Robert Carey (Medical Use Working Group Chair), Joseph Carrabino (Residential Working Group member), Lee Ellis (Brattle Street resident), Charles Foskett (SAC Chair), Alan Jones (Town Meeting member), Alan McClennen (Director of Planning & Community Development), Barbara Miller (Brattle Street resident), Paul Morrison (Summer Street resident)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

#### **Opening Comments**

Brian Rehrig led introductions of the meeting participants and summarized the purpose of the evaluation exercise planned for later in the meeting. Brian explained that the results of the exercise would be one of several factors in the Working Group's decision-making process leading to recommendations of public uses to be further explored by the consultant team.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Elisabeth Carr-Jones presented the minutes of the 27 August 2002 meeting of the Symmes Advisory Committee (SAC) Public Use Working Group. The minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **Definition of Criteria and Public Use Concepts**

Evaluation matrices were distributed to the meeting participants. Steve Frigand introduced the 15 criteria to be used in the evaluation exercise, describing each of the criteria in the categories of need, fit and feasibility. Brian Rehrig introduced the 16 public uses to be evaluated, in the categories of outdoor open uses, outdoor developed uses, uses where buildings were required and indoor complex uses. Brian explained that specific space requirements and ownership options would be explored for each of the recommended uses later in the process.

Barbara Miller and Lee Ellis expressed concern over one of the uses to be evaluated. The use combines expanded wooded buffer areas and walking trails. Barbara and Lee expressed that they would be in support of expanding the buffer areas but would be opposed to walking trails in these areas.

#### **Evaluation Exercise**

Steve Frigand led the meeting participants in the examination of each of the uses with respect to the first criterion in the need category. Participants were instructed to examine each of the uses and indicate only which uses would rank lower and higher than average. As the uses were read aloud, participants registered their high and low votes with a show of hands. Participants were then instructed to complete their need matrices individually, and then move on to the matrices for fit and feasibility. As the matrices were completed, Ellen Kushner, Ann LeRoy and Suzi Lubar began the process of tabulating the results.

As the data was being tabulated, meeting participants discussed the next steps in the public use evaluation process. It was determined that the Working Group should provide as much information as possible to the consultant team, while still allowing them enough room to be creative. Brian announced that the results of the evaluation exercise would be made available as soon as they were completed.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Symmes Public Use Working Group was set for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 17 September 2002 at the Symmes Hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

#### **Handouts**

3 September 2002 Meeting Agenda, 27 August 2002 meeting minutes, criteria/use matrices for evaluation exercise.