

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was a regular meeting of the Land Use & Economic Development subcommittee held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Present were: Deputy Mayor Hypolite, Councilors Gamble, Rivers, Washington, Banks and Jacobs. Also present: India Rodgers, Clerk of Council.

Guest present:

- Jude Lombardi, D.C. – Chiropractic Health Center
- Philip Gottlieb – H.R. Block
- Kelly Stangel & J. Stangel – Arthur Murray Dance Studio

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Discussion with merchants of the Wintonbury Mall regarding future plans

Councilor Gamble and other committee members discussed issues and concerns with merchants at Wintonbury Mall. The merchants that were in attendance stated concerns of issues with garbage, power washing sidewalks, increase maintenance costs, high vacancies, expensive rent and poor visibility.

The committee and merchants agreed to meet as regularly as needed. The Town currently has a constructive plan of development regarding the restructuring of Wintonbury Mall. There is a true vested interest for the center of town. Merchants are considering being more organized with a plan to approach the management firm regarding concerns.

Mr. Louie Chapman, Jr., Town Manager stated that the Town is working with a consultant for a marketing analysis to determine the mixed uses for the town center. This analysis could be potential leverage to pressure the property owners of Wintonbury Mall focus on present issues of concern.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Hypolite inquired about ideas for Bloomfield to consider a project similar to the “Great Pond” development in Windsor, CT. This project is a series of distinct neighborhoods and special places that offer diverse housing choices, unparalleled access to trails, parks and open space, a walk able neighborhood retail center with shops, small offices and services.

Mr. Chapman, Jr. has plans to speak with a developer regarding possible developments similar for mixed land uses.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Gamble and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting by 7:45 p.m.