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The Northampton Planning Board

Minutes of Meeting

January 14, 2016

City of Northampton Council Chambers, 210 Main St., Northampton, MA

Members Present:		Time
R	Chair, Debin Bruce	
R	Vice Chair, John Lutz	
R	Ann DeWitt Brooks	
R	William Grinnell	
R	Karla Youngblood	
R	Mark Sullivan	
R	Theresa "Tess" Poe	
R	Dan Felten, Associate Member	
	Alan Verson, Associate Member	

Staff:

R	Planning Director, Wayne Feiden	
R	Senior Planner, Carolyn Misch	

7:00 PM Debin Bruce opened the public meeting at 7:00 PM with an invitation for public comment. There was none.

7:00 PM Debin Bruce opened general discussion on the following items

1. Discussion on URA map change
 - a. Staff distributed zoning map showing the URA districts and described previous Board discussions about proceeding on map changes.
2. Upon motion by Mark Sullivan and second by John Lutz the board vote unanimously to sponsor ordinance for parks and bike path to be remapped to FFR with corresponding text changes.
3. The Board asked staff to revise map showing proposed FFR, schools and proposal with all the URA going to URB except for Leeds and the area along Chesterfield Rd and Ryan Rd. The area at Carlon Drive and Damon should remain as is until further analysis of those sites relative to possible commercial applications or preservation. Board asked staff to bring densities and lot size comparison of URA with surrounding B.
4. Follow up on recommendations from Housing Buildout Analysis
 - a. Site Plan draft ordinance was distributed and discussed. The Board asked to see revisions before moving it forward, including maintaining the 5,000 square foot threshold.
 - b. Small lot brainstorm. The Board discussed options that would allow semi attached units with shared driveways and street facing



- c. structures through special permit and would like to continue discussion of options.
- 5. Wayne Feiden presented the following ongoing projects/planning efforts:
 - a. Wayfinding for active living
 - b. Bike/Ped Plan – The City has hired Alta to begin the bicycle plan process
 - c. Climate Adaptation update
- 6. ANRs
 - a. Chesterfield Rd- Upon motion by Tess Poe and second by Mark Sullivan, the Board voted unanimously to endorse ANR.
 - b. Ryan Rd- Upon motion by Mark Sullivan and second by William Grinnell the Board voted unanimously to endorse the ANR.
- 7. Minutes (11/12 & 12/10)—Upon motion by Mark Sullivan and second by Ann DeWitt Brooks, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

9:15 Adjourn