

Chatham Arch Neighborhood Association   
Tuesday, June 25, 2013   
Special Meeting

7:00 pm  
Firefighters Union Hall, 748 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Sally Spiers, John Hall, Penny Hall, Laura Arnold, Coleen Agee, Gary Agee, Doug Steen, Larry Cleaver, Greg Peck, Larry Jones, Lynn Pike, Gary Pike, K. Curtis, John Collins, Linda Hughes, Kelly Gartland, Philip Baer, Alex Nall, Ann Moore, Steve Tegarden, Trent Cowles, Walter Bartz, Shawn Miller, Katie Willett, Chris Herndon, William Tarr, Jr., Clay Miller, Jen Clady, Don Hanlin, Kathy Hursh, Kari Greine, Alan G

Sally Spiers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

This special meeting was called to allow the membership to consider and vote on two proposals – to relocate the fire station on Mass. Ave. to the Red Cross building and to develop the property vacated by the fire station (500 Mass.)

500 Mass. – Wayne Schmidt, Desma Belsaas (7:04 – 7:50)

* Schmidt explained how/why he believes the proposed project to be appropriate, architecturally, financially, and culturally.
* A few details
  + The developers will ask that the area be rezoned to allow housing and commercial space and for an encroachment permit (to allow for the same setback on all three sides, along the same line as the building currently housing the credit union).
  + LEED certification is a goal.
  + The windows will be a combination of double-hung and casement. None will be vinyl.

Fire station relocation – Kurt Fullbeck, IFD Assistant Chief Malone (7:50 – 8:25)

* The Red Cross building is ideally located to serve the area within its boundaries.
* There is a tentative site plan.
* The traffic pattern (one-way south) on East Street will probably not change.
* IFD is always open to working with community groups in need of meeting space.
* The proposed plan will allow for all departments except fleet services and the administrative offices to be under one roof.

Decision

* 500 Mass. Ave.
  + There was no discussion.
  + Gary Pike’s motion to support the project as presented was seconded by Jen Clady.
  + With a majority of the members voting “Aye,” the motion carried.
* Fire station relocation
  + After a brief discussion, Laura Arnold’s motion to support the project as presented was seconded by Gary Pike.
  + With a majority of the members voting “Aye,” the motion carried.

Sally Spiers declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.