

CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE
Planning & Development Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Committee Room – City Hall
-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Councilor Greg Verga; Councilor Steven LeBlanc; Councilor William Fonvielle (Alternate)
Absent: Councilor Lundberg
Also Present: No City Staff.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. ***RZ2013-002: A portion of #52 Whitmore St., Assessor's Map 21, Lot 7 from General Industrial (GI) to R-10 (Medium/High Density Residential) TO BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 22, 2014***
2. ***Revisit of Free Petition in accordance with City Charter Sec. 9-1(b) re: Condition, Restoration and Preservation of Stage Fort Park***

Councilor Verga said that as no member of the Administration was present it made no sense to pursue an in-depth conversation at this time on the matter of the condition, restoration and preservation of Stage Fort Park. Department of Public Works input is necessary, he said. **Councilor Verga** added he would want to have this matter continued; and in the interim send a request through the Administration that the Community Development Director, or his designee, and a representative from the Open Space & Recreation Committee be present at the next P&D meeting. He noted that the Open Space & Recreation Committee had had an agenda item about consolidation of related various committees/boards and commissions. **Councilor Verga** also pointed out that the Council also has an opportunity to put in a Council Order to initiate a Stage Fort Park Advisory & Oversight Committee, much like the Magnolia Woods Oversight and Advisory Committee if need be.

Councilor Fonvielle noted he understood the Friends of Stage Fort Park wish to be very involved with this process. It was noted there were about eight members of the group in attendance.

Councilor LeBlanc said Stage Fort Park is a jewel and must be kept up unlike other properties in the City to prevent its further deterioration. He said he would support the creation of an advisory committee for the park.

Councilor Verga noted a request to the Mayor made on December 2, 2013 by Councilors Whynott, Ciolino and himself asking the Administration to create a revolving account for the purpose of the maintenance of Stage Fort Park. He said he would also like the P&D Committee to renew the call for that revolving fund's creation.

Councilors Fonvielle and **LeBlanc** expressed their support of Councilor Verga's initiatives. **Councilor Fonvielle** also observed that with the upcoming 400th anniversary of the City, Stage Fort Park's restoration should be a priority and folded into the goal of seeing the park fully restored by then.

Councilor Verga added that the work on the Stacy Boulevard seawall will start soon, and there was a brief discussion on the impact to the Lucy Davis path.

This matter is continued to January 22, 2014.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.