

DERBY BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

DERBY CITY HALL, ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS – APRIL 20, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Honorable Mayor Anthony Staffieri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Anthony Szewczyk, Beverly Moran, James Benanto, Joseph Bomba, Kenneth Hughes, Scott Boulton, Matthew DeBarbieri, Ron Sill, Dennis Devonshuk (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

Also Present: Lt. Eugene Mascolo, Derby Police Department
Ronald J. Culmo, Director, Public Works
Kelly Curtis, Fire Commissioner
Laura Wabno, Town & City Clerk
Julia Romano, Board of Apportionment & Taxation
Leo Moscato, Municipal Parking Division
Joseph Moore, Municipal Parking Division
Walter Nizgorski, Municipal Parking Division
Joseph Coppola, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Hughes said he would like to add the following items to the agenda:

- Parking Garage Report – Joe Moore
- Discussion of creating a parking lot and recreation potential on Caroline Street – Joe Moore
- Appointment of a Beautification Committee
- Discussion of a joint Fireworks Display with the City of Shelton

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Moran with a second by Mr. Szewczyk to add the noted items to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PORTION

Dan Waleski, 21 Elm Street, Derby, CT – I have nothing specific except I would like to say that granite fountain that's on Academy Hill Road park some of the neighbors in that area are a little bit concerned about moving that fountain to the Greenway project. They like it where it is. Their big concern is vandalism to that historic fountain and I offer that for your general information. As a footnote, some people feel that it would have been nice if you had a public hearing on that as to whether it should be moved or not moved. To make a final decision on that – it was something that they would have liked to participate in.

Mayor Staffieri informed the board that there has been further damage done to the Greenway path. The fencing under the railroad bridge was damaged again.

Hearing no one else from the public wishing to address the board...

PUBLIC PORTION CLOSED

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2006 MEETING

Mr. Hughes said he has two corrections. First on page 4 of the minutes it has Jack Walsh listed as Chairman of the Greenway Committee. Mr. Hughes noted that at the time of the meeting Mr. Walsh had not yet become Chairman. Also, we don't know the cost for the relocation of the fountain. The minutes state that the approximate cost would be \$10,000.

Mrs. Moran said she has a couple of spelling corrections. The first is on page 3 – the second paragraph from the bottom the word "whole" should be "hole" and on page 4 the top paragraph it should read "greet" not "great" and then under item 15 on page 4 it should read "for" not "fro."

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Moran with a second by Mr. Bomba to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2006 meeting with the noted corrections. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee – Mr. DeBarbieri read the following statement into the record:

Alderman Benanto and I feel it is our responsibility to clearly state our mission and role. Operations should clearly understand as many procedural aspects in City business as possible. To assist our constituency we will (inaudible) with the responsibilities and procedures of these departments as much as we can. We should be aware of each department's goals and be able to relay to our constituents a method of solving their problems. Also, we must serve as a conduit between these departments and the board. As the chief legislative body within our City our responsibility is clear. We must assist the Mayor in performing his duties and serve as additional eyes to assist the Mayor and department heads in assuring the quality of City services. This is our mandate. I recently met with the Chairman of the Police Commission to gain some knowledge of how this department is functioning. We discussed the current structure of the Derby Police Department and potential changes. We discussed some operational concerns and some neighborhood issues within the first and second wards. We also discussed some specific problems concerning a large group of citizens and reviewing a possible joint solution. The committee will report back to the board after the solution is discussed with all concerned parties first. We will continue to meet with department heads to fully understand the City operations and their methodologies of problem solving. We want to discuss each department's structure and short and long term plans. We need to understand the departmental needs so that we are able to assist our voters in solving their problems. Our regular meetings will begin shortly, but not for at least sixty days. There's a lot of homework to do. We believe we should meet with the departments and understand their operations first.

Education Subcommittee – Mr. Devonshuk informed the board that the subcommittee had their first meeting on April 3rd. He said in addition to fellow committee member Alderman Bomba, the following individuals were also in attendance: Alderman Hughes, Superintendent of Schools Janet Robinson, and Board of Education President Martin Hubbard. The first item discussed at the meeting pertained to the chorus risers. He noted that Mrs. Robinson asked the other schools if there was a need for them. The schools stated that they do not have a need for these items and they would like to have them removed. Mr. Devonshuk said the other agenda item reviewed was the role and responsibilities of the subcommittee. They have decided on the following key roles and responsibilities:

- Facilitate on-going dialogue with the State Representatives regarding State funding and support of Derby Education
- Funding Areas: ECS Funding, ERG Placement (we're currently ERG H; would like to be considered moved to ERG I)
- Plan activities with the State Representatives to help raise awareness of Derby's educational needs.

Mr. Devonshuk noted the other key role is to provide updated reports to the Board of Aldermen in a form of a Derby Education Progress Report. They have asked Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Hubbard to develop a progress report template that would contain key performance, measurement and progress items that would be updated to the Board and the City. Mr. Devonshuk said he feels this really fulfills the key role of communication to the City regarding the status of the education process.

Mr. Devonshuk said the other role was to review and track the education facilities issues and activities. He said they will be working with the Mayor's School Liaison Committee to help track the progress and report on the progress of that subcommittee.

They would also act as the main contact point for the Board of Education and the constituents to bring issues to the Board of Aldermen.

Downtown Committee – Mr. Szewczyk said he along with Messrs. Sill and DeBarbieri went to the Caroline Street Neighborhood Meeting, where Pam Ortiz is the main contact for that association. He said he would encourage this sort of neighborhood activity throughout the city. One of the items they have planned is a Clean Up Day with a barbeque. Mr. Szewczyk said the other item they reviewed is the blight situation. He said through Mr. Kopjanski's office he picked up five blight reports and off the website there were also five complaints. He said he goes out and photographs the property and reviews the situation with the committee members. Mr. Hughes said he has two properties that were recommended to be placed on the Blight List by David Kopjanski.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hughes with a second by Mr. Benanto to place 195 Caroline Street and 245 Francis Street on the Blight List. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Sill asked Mr. Szewczyk if he had a chance to look at the property on E Street Hill. Mr. Szewczyk said he reviewed properties on the following streets: Maple Avenue, City Parking Lot, Olivia Street, Minerva Street, Ida Avenue, Elizabeth Street, Paugasset Road, Derby Avenue, and Lakeview Terrace.

Mr. Culmo said he is aware of the situation and he has discussed it with David Kopjanski. He said he would be notifying the City Engineer, Mike Joyce, tomorrow to have the land surveyed to see if it is City property. This will be taken care of very soon.

Mayor Staffieri said in regard to the parking lot on Caroline Street he has toured the site with Mr. Culmo and Joe Moore. There has been brief discussions regarding getting the parking lot back in shape so that we could commence using it again. Mr. Moore will address this later in the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Derby Police Department, Lt. Eugene Mascolo – Lt. Mascolo informed the board members that he is representing Chief Cota, who is on vacation. He asked if there were any questions on the report. Mr. Szewczyk asked who is going to receive the old equipment. Lt. Mascolo said they plan on recycling the items in order to produce revenue. They are looking into eBay. Mr. Szewczyk asked if the department would consider donating the equipment to the Senior Center or the schools. Lt. Mascolo said they would give away the equipment. Mayor Staffieri asked Lt. Mascolo to look into whether or not other City departments might be able to use the items. The Mayor also noted that the Purple Heart Association was looking for computers. He suggested they also contact the Veterans' groups. Lt. Mascolo said he would be happy to do that.

Lt. Mascolo said they have received a good response from the second black & white patrol car. They have also increased the emphasis on foot and bike patrol in the downtown although they can't do it everyday due to staffing constrictions. He said they have a recruit up at the Academy who is about half way through the recruit class he has three months left. When he comes back he will have fourteen weeks of field training before he could be deployed as a full time patrolman. Lt. Mascolo informed the board that they have scheduled three more individuals for bike school. They are scheduled to graduate in May and then we will be able to increase the coverage downtown. He then extended an invitation to the Operations Committee to come to the Police Department for a full briefing on their present and future plans.

Mayor Staffieri asked Lt. Mascolo if the department ever looked into the possibility of having a motorcycle patrol. Lt. Mascolo said they have never analyzed it seriously. Mayor Staffieri said he was recently in Boston and was amazed at the flexibility the motorcycle patrol had.

Mrs. Moran questioned what could be done about the vandalism to the Greenway Trail. Lt. Mascolo said he was done there today and it seems to him that we need a fence along the railroad track. It seems that the kids are getting up on the railroad track and jumping down on the fence that forms the portal along the railroad track. He feels that installing the type of fencing that is placed on the overpasses above

highways might be a deterrent. His very early suggestion is to do something on top of the railroad trestle along the lines of the overhead cover that is on the new footbridge. That cover prevents people from throwing things off the bridge or jumping off. We need to do something or this is going to happen over and over again. The Greenway is packed from dawn to dusk and we still have this vandalism. No matter how many times an officer patrols down there the kids are going to be there the second the officer leaves. Mayor Staffieri asked if the department has the capability of a wireless camera. Lt. Mascolo said they don't; however it's not that difficult. Currently we do not have our own stable of electronics that we can use. Mayor Staffieri asked the Lieutenant to look into the cost for this item. He said with it being portable we could move it into other difficult areas.

Public Works Department, Ron Culmo, Director – Mr. Culmo said he has nothing written up for this meeting – he will have it for the next meeting. He informed the board members that they have been sweeping the downtown sidewalks, collecting leaves, working on the parks, doing quite a bit of work for the school system.

Mayor Staffieri said he was informed that there is damage up at Witek Park due to ATV's. Mr. Culmo said the ATV's are getting in – he discussed this with Mr. Szewczyk earlier tonight and they are going to be talking to a resident up on Paugasset Road who knows how and where the ATV's are getting in. Mr. Hughes asked if it was recent damage. Mr. Szewczyk said it was on-going damage. Mayor Staffieri asked Lt. Mascolo to have the police department also look into this to see if they can figure out who is doing the damage. Lt. Mascolo said they know of a couple of people in the area who have quads and when they get a report of quads in the area they run from the police and it is almost impossible to catch them. He said they have gone to a few houses and talked with the parents, however, they have not been able to connect them directly to the damage.

Mr. Culmo also informed the board that the stairs on Caroline Street leading down to the Police Station are in total disrepair and very dangerous. He feels that it should be closed off. Mayor Staffieri said the Downtown Committee should look into it. He noted that Mr. Sill pointed the situation out to him the other day.

Derby Fire Department, Kelly Curtis, Fire Commissioner – Mr. Curtis stated that he also does not have a written report prepared for this evening. He said he is here tonight to clean up some rumors with the board about the board's last meeting and the Storms Ambulance Emergency Plan. He said there have been quite a few rumors floating around about this - that there's going to be injunctions and they feel that the ambulance corps is taking over the fire department. Mr. Curtis said he has been in contact with Mayor Staffieri, Joe Coppola, Ken Hughes, Allen Coppolo, Tom Lenart. He said they see nothing that is taking the role of the fire department away whatsoever. In the last paragraph of the Plan it states what the Storms would be responsible for, which would be EMS, Haz-Mat, and rescue. Mr. Curtis said it is not that the Derby Fire Department is left out of it in any way, but the feeling is we work hand in hand, which was demonstrated the day of tanker incident on Route 34. He said as the head of the Fire Department he has given Mr. Lenart his blessing. Although he did say to Mr. Lenart that he wished, as a courtesy, that he had talked to the fire department about this. Mr.

Curtis did note that this has been in the plan for years. Nothing is being changed – we are not reinventing the wheel. It is all working the exact same way it did ten, fifteen years ago. He said as for the comments that have been made to the Board of Aldermen members he feels that it is insubordination through the fire department. He noted that it is an issue that they will take care of at the next Officer's Council meeting. He preaches a chain of command – everything should come to him and he would approach the board as the department's liaison. Unfortunately that was not the case in this situation. Both he and Chief Coppolo will address this concern. He said there is no problem whatsoever between the fire department and the ambulance corps and they will move forward, as they have in the past, and protect the City of Derby.

Mayor Staffieri asked if the four fire departments and four chiefs were in agreement with this. Commissioner Curtis said the four governing bodies of the fire department are. He said he doesn't want to sound like a dictator; however, there is nothing wrong. There are three, four people who shot off their mouth again – never coming before the fire department officers – just shooting off their mouths. Again, it is insubordination and it will be addressed.

Mr. Curtis said he is curious about the workings of the Capital Planning Commission. He said he sat in on the first meeting and he has yet to hear back. Mrs. Moran, also a member of the Capital Planning Commission, informed Mr. Curtis that the commission would be meeting next Tuesday. She suggested that he contact Keith McLiverty to find out when the fire department should present. Mr. Curtis noted that the fire houses are in terrible condition. We really need to get the buildings taken care of. He said they would like to get gas into the Hotchkiss, they presently have oil. Mr. Sill concurred with the conditions of the buildings. He said there has been no preventative maintenance on any of the buildings. Mayor Staffieri told Mr. Curtis that he would like to sit down and go over the concerns of the fire department. Mr. Szewczyk said the worst enemy of any building is water penetration. Is this happening to any of the buildings? Mr. Curtis relayed some of the problems at each house (not a complete list – just items off the top of his head):

Hotchkiss Hose, Co. #1 – The roof has been repaired, however the cupola leaks and water is running down all four corners of the roof. The tiles have been replaced numerous times. The air conditioning broke down in the middle of last summer. All the windows need to be replaced. All doors need to be replaced. The entire heating system needs to be replaced.

Storms Engine, Co. #2 – Mold problem in the back of the building where it is coming down by the chimney. This is where the bunkroom is. Problem with the front apron - it seems to be settling and pulling away from the building. Water going into the basement. All the windows need to be replaced.

East End Hose, Co. #3 – This is the only building where the roof does not leak. All the doors need to be replaced.

Paugasset Hook & Ladder, Co. #4 – Mold problem in back of building due to drainage. The fire house was built right up against the rock wall.

Mr. Curtis said he would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Staffieri and the members of the Board of Aldermen for showing up at the different banquets at the fire houses. This is a big deal – he said when his Father was Commissioner he also always felt that this was a big deal. It shows that you care – you show up, break bread with us, have a little fun with us – it shows you care.

Mr. Sill said he would like to commend Mr. Curtis for taking the bull by the horns in that other matter. He said he hopes during the Officer's Council meeting that it is solved.

REOPEN PUBLIC PORTION

Mrs. Moran said Carol Senfield is present and would like to bring something to the board's attention. Unfortunately she was not able to present this during the public portion due to the fact that she is a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and they were in the middle of a meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hughes with a second by Mr. Szewczyk to reopen the Public Portion to allow Carol Senfield to address the Board of Aldermen. **Motion carried.**

Carol Senfield, 238 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby, CT – For those of you, and I know some of your aldermen did attend the Planning & Zoning meetings where the application for the change of zoning to allow condos and this property at 253 Roosevelt Drive was addressed and rejected. And that same group came with the same plan for a Residence Hotel, which was a Special Exception to zoning and it was approved this week. And on Wednesday a wonderful picture of the building, where it would go was in the paper with an article about the project being accepted and going forward. And I would just say that I don't know when this building has looked this fine almost in my lifetime. So I decided I'll let John Gelada photograph me anytime because he certainly did a wonderful job on this. **(PICTURES WERE PASSED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS.)** As those applications, the first and then the second were before the Planning & Zoning Commission, I went several times driving on Route 34 going around the block looking at the property, listening to the concerns of the residents and homeowners of Park Avenue. And I know that this property that I photographed today is one that has been in this condition for many years. It's just that my attention is especially drawn to it now because even though I was concerned about this application and as I said at the first Planning & Zoning meeting that I attended no one would like to see this cleaned up more than I. However, at this point it is approved and it's going to go forward as a Residence Hotel. Hopefully we would like it to be a success. As you come through the center of Derby traveling west on Route 34 before you come to this building, which would be a Residence Hotel where businessmen or women would be coming to stay because they're in training programs, they're going to be in business here for a length of time they would come by this lot. And this is at the corner of A Street and Route 34 – it's approximately fifty feet wide and it extends the full length of the block from Route 34 back to Park Avenue. And my photos really don't do it justice, but there's a significant amount of stuff that if you go by you're almost afraid to look to see what might be in there. I then called Mr. Manger, the owner of Manger Die & Casting, because his business, which is well taken care of, his parking lot nicely maintained and clean, then a fence, and then this lot – so I called him this afternoon hoping he would tell me that he

did not own that lot. Well he owns the lot and he shared the history of the lot with me and told me that he has rented that property to business owners and when he started to rent to them it was owned by four people. He didn't say exactly what business but I think it was construction of some kind. As the business began to fail three of the owners left and left one, two, (inaudible.) Mr. Manger assured me that when the four were in business it was this one who remains who took care of the property and that it was kept in fairly reasonable shape. My point in bringing this to you tonight is to let you know that I think it's so important for our aldermen in each of our wards to keep an eye out for this. I wish someone had called me and said I want to do something about this and will you come and support me so that we can find out about this. As a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals we've had applications in the last year that were for properties on Commerce Street. And at one of our meetings I said it's a disgrace for us to have some properties that are in this City that look the way that they do. This certainly is one of them. And I really don't know what can be done about it. Based on the way Mr. Manger maintains his (inaudible) property it's hard to believe he would want anything like this near his business. Just going back to my original statement now that we're going to have this Residence Hotel I would like it to be a success as a Residence Hotel. And if I were a business person coming up Route 34 to this hotel I would take the first turnaround and go back over to Shelton and find a place to stay. Because people are going to be coming down for a month or more to be living here I can't imagine what it would be like to be driving past that lot and maintain a good frame of mind. So thank you very much for listening and any time any of you (inaudible) I would be happy to join with you to do something about it because I don't know how else we can establish and maintain pride in our community if we don't do something about these things.

Mr. Sill – I think we've already brought this one up too. I spoke to Kenny Hughes about this a couple of months ago. And a couple of years ago this was my brother's pet peeve.

Mayor Staffieri – We have Mr. Szewczyk, we'll put him on the trail. Thank you Ms. Senfield.

PUBLIC PORTION CLOSED

REFUND OF EXCESS TAXES – REQUEST THROUGH 4/12/06 BY CINDA BUCHTER, TAX COLLECTOR

Mayor Staffieri asked if anyone had any questions regarding the list submitted by the Tax Collector. The board members raised questions regarding the amount of refunds for Main Realty. All members concurred that further information is needed regarding Main Realty.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hughes with a second by Mr. Bolton to approve the refund of excess taxes request through 4/12/06 made by Cinda Buchter, Tax Collector excluding the amounts for Main Realty. **Motion carried.**

CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT 2006

Patty Finn explained the process for the Neighborhood Assistance Act. Businesses located in the State of Connecticut pledge a portion of their State corporate taxes to

non-profit organizations. The applications for assistance must first be approved by both the City and then the State Department of Revenue Services. Some of the past recipients have been The Rec Camp, Griffin Hospital, TEAM, and the Derby Historical Society. The deadline for application submittal is May 25, 2006. The Public Hearing to review the applications will also be held on May 25, 2006 at the Board of Aldermen meeting. The Board of Aldermen will be asked to vote for or against the applications at their June 29, 2006 meeting. All approved applications must be sent to the State Department of Revenue Services by July 1, 2006.

PARKING GARAGE REPORT – JOE MOORE

Mr. Moore gave an update on the repairs at the parking garage. He noted that the last phase of the concrete work was performed last week. The Public Works Department was nice enough to come to the garage to sweep prior to the line stripping. Ms. Finn noted that they would be washing the areas to be painted this Saturday. The line stripping will be on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Once this is done the entire garage will be accessible. The next phase will be installing the emergency lighting. Mr. Moore stated that this was not part of the specifications. Television Security cameras would then be installed.

Mr. Moore informed the members that the Mayor has asked him to look into the parking signage around the downtown, Anson, Minerva, and W. Fourth Street areas. He said when he was Chairman of the parking authority in 1996 they had purchased signage. They used to also have three individuals on the street monitoring the parking and the program was very successful. He said since 1996 the program was dropped and he would like to see it resurrected. Mr. Moore encouraged anyone who would like to tour the garage to contact him and he would be happy to give a tour. Mr. Moore did state his displeasure with the way the specifications were written for the repairs at the garage.

Mr. Moore then informed the board that Archie Moore's is planning to open within two weeks. He said when their application came before Planning & Zoning it required them to have parking spaces for their customers and they were supposed to work out a parking agreement with the Parking Division to use the parking garage for their patrons. According to the owner of Archie Moore's they anticipate having 50 to 60 cars per day in the parking garage. Mr. Moore said Archie Moore's agreement with the Planning & Zoning Commission was to sit with the Parking Division and work out a plan suitable to them. He said he has a draft contract that was never signed by the former administration or the Archie Moore's organization. The draft contract calls for Archie Moore's to use the parking garage at a certain cost to them. They would pay for the program that the Parking Division would institute to accommodate their customers. The program would be:

- Park in the garage
- Take a ticket
- Patronize Archie Moore's
- Archie Moore's Validates ticket
- Customer submits ticket for release from garage
- Parking Division submits bill to Archie Moore's for amount of tickets validated

Mr. Moore said according to the draft contract they would also pay for any additional help that we would need to bring on. The program would run for ninety days and then would be reviewed. Mr. Moore said he has been trying to meet with the owners of Archie Moore's and he has not received a response. He said he wants the board to be aware of this because he doesn't want anybody coming back and saying well we're ready to open and then they can't open because they don't have a program. He said they don't have a program because they have not contacted the parking division. Mr. Moore said he has two to three different plans that he would like to offer them. If they don't want to sit down and listen to what the Parking Division has to say when the time comes to turn the lock and open the door he doesn't know what they're going to do with the cars. He just wanted the board to be aware of this. Perhaps Planning & Zoning should be made aware of it too. He said he doesn't want to hold up the program - he realizes they have spent a lot of money and they're going to bring business into town. However, he said he has a job that the Mayor appointed him to do and he has to do it. He said he will accommodate them, however there is going to be a cost - there has to be a solution to this and we all have to agree to it.

Mayor Staffieri said he would contact the Archie Moore's organization tomorrow.

Mr. Moore said he could do a program that would accommodate them quickly. He has already solicited a person to work the shift. He said he is trying to get two people.

Leo Moscato asked the Chair for permission to speak. He said he would like to caution Mr. Moore right now. He stated that the members have been sworn in as a committee and he would like to see these items discussed at the parking authority meetings. Mr. Moscato said there is no quorum of the Parking Authority present tonight at this meeting. He would like the discussion to end right now and have it brought up at the Parking Authority meeting. Mr. Moore said until the Parking Authority sits and has its first meeting and we are on board with a full board to work with he is authorized by Mayor Staffieri to be in charge of this. There was a brief discussion as to when the Parking Authority would be legal. It was noted that it would be April 26. Mayor Staffieri said Mr. Moore is currently acting on his behalf. Atty. Coppola said the current ordinance says that the Mayor's Office is the Parking Authority. The Mayor could assign anyone to do his job as head of that Authority. Mayor Staffieri said Mr. Moore is acting on his behalf and is doing what he was asked to do with regard to Archie Moore's. Mr. Moscato said he was just confused since Corporation Counsel said that the Parking Authority would have to vote to decide to move the fencing to public works **(THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LOT ON CAROLINE STREET.)** Mayor Staffieri said since the Parking Authority is still his jurisdiction he is authorizing the release of the fencing to public works.

There was a discussion whether or not the Mayor had to approve the move of the fencing to Public Works. Corporation Counsel stated that the parking authority board should vote on the move. **(THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LOT ON CAROLINE STREET.)**

Mr. Nizgorski said the ordinance that is printed in the paper says the 27th. The ordinance also does not correspond with the Board of Aldermen's meeting.

Mr. Devonshuk asked if there is any checklist that Archie Moore's would have to pass in order to open and if there is who is responsible for that? Atty. Coppola said it would be David Kopjanski, the Building Inspector. He would be the person who would issue the Certificate of Occupancy.

DISCUSSION OF CREATING A PARKING LOT AND RECREATION POTENTIAL ON CAROLINE STREET – JOE MOORE

Mr. Moore said at the Mayor's request he met with Pam Ortiz, the director of the Caroline Street Neighborhood Association. He noted there is work that needs to be done in the lot; however he does not anticipate it being very expensive. He informed the board that there is some fence work that needs to be done. There is approximately 10 – 12 rolls of fencing currently at the garage. Mr. Moore said the fencing is the result of a prior renovation at the garage. He said Ms. Ortiz mentioned to Mr. Moore the need for a recreational area for the kids in the neighborhood. Mr. Moore said the lot would hold approximately 35 cars. There is a portion of the lot that is wide enough and long enough for the City to incorporate another program into their recreation in the form of a basketball court at the site. It would be worth meeting with members of the Recreation Commission to see if this would be of interest to them.

APPOINTMENT OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Staffieri said the last time we talked about this Mr. Bomba, Mr. Sill, and Mr. Hughes said they would be interested in getting involved with this committee. With that Mayor Staffieri appointed Mr. Bomba, Mr. Sill and Mr. Hughes to the committee. The Mayor suggested having the committee members get the businesses in the area involved. Mayor Staffieri said he would also be interested in joining the group.

DISCUSSION OF JOINT FIREWORKS DISPLAY WITH SHELTON

Mayor Staffieri said as a business person and also a concerned citizen he has always envied what Shelton did with the fireworks display. He would like to see Derby and Shelton do a fireworks display in unison. He said he has contacted Mayor Lauretti regarding this and he stated that he would have no problems with Derby having fireworks on the same date. Mayor Staffieri said he has received several prices from high end to low end from the company that does Shelton's display. He informed the board that this is the same company that also does the fireworks for the New York Mets. The Mayor said he has also spoken with the Cultural Commission about the possibility of having a band play, possibly in the parking garage, the night of the fireworks. He said he would report back on this as he gathers further information. Mr. Sill said he feels this would be a great idea to work in unison with Shelton.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. DeBarbieri to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Finn
Recording Secretary

A TAPE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING IS ON FILE IN THE TOWN & CITY CLERK'S OFFICE