

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BRISTOL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010  
IMAGINE NATION CHILDREN'S MUSEUM  
1 PLEASANT STREET  
BRISTOL, CT 06010

COMMISSIONERS: Donald Cassin, Mickey Goldwasser, Ken Cockayne

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Rosenthal, Executive Director, Robyn Bugbee, Grants Administrator, Heidi Caruso, Administrative Assistant, Raymond Rogozinski, Assistant City Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman Dave Mills; Mike Nicastro, President, Chamber of Commerce; Doreen Stickney, Bristol Boys & Girls Club/Imagine Nation Children's Museum; Tom Morrow, Bristol Community Organization; Stephan Towne, Bristol Baptist Church; Mike Sayman, Inland-Wetland Commission; Norm Taillon, Inland-Wetland Commission; Ron Ciarci, Paul Melnick, Daniel Boil

Robyn Bugbee, Grants Administrator, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Bugbee gave a brief history and environmental assessment of the property. She informed the audience the purpose of the meeting was to get the public's input regarding the parking lot design for the H.J. Mills Property located at 149-151 Church Street, Bristol, CT, so any changes and recommendations were encouraged. Ray Rogozinski, Assistant City Engineer, presented the conceptual designs. Three designs were generated by AKRF and four were generated by the City of Bristol's Engineering department. He briefly reviewed the concept of each plan followed by a question and comment session.

Stephen Towne of Bristol Baptist Church said he's concerned that drivers will cut through the lot to avoid the traffic light there and it can be dangerous. He prefers to not have vehicle access to Mafales Plaza.

Mr. Melnick stated the emphasis should be on the parking and not so much on the park-like setting. He believes the park-like setting will encourage people to hang around and cause trouble.

Councilman Dave Mills commented on the lighting that should be placed there and asked if it would be on a timer at night.

Snow removal was a general concern. Mr. Rogozinski assured the public that the City's Public Works department will be responsible for the snow removal.

After the presentation of the seven parking lot design options and open public discussion of same, each public participant was asked to affix a small yellow post-it note on their favorite design. Participants were also asked to write comments on larger multi-colored post-it notes indicating aspects they particularly liked or disliked about particular designs as well as any design elements that they might want added.

Following is a table showing the design option preferences:

<b>DESIGN OPTION</b>	<b># PARTICIPANT PREFERENCES</b>
Design A	0
Design B	0
Design C	1
<b><i>Design D</i></b>	<b>5</b>
Design E	2
Design F	0
Design G	1

Design D was the clear preference of the majority of the public participants at the meeting.

Following is a table summarizing the comments and frequency of specific comments posted on the design options:

<b>COMMENT</b>	<b># OF COMMENTERS</b>
Design D – Good Flow	1
Design D – Keeping the stream open is good	1
Design D – Clean appearance	1
General – Traffic should exit further from Upson Street	1
General – Need to ensure sufficient turn around space for buses	1
General – Like park-like setting, but not too many trees	3
General – Prefer a minimum of 4 spaces for bus parking	3
General – Like pedestrian connections to Mafale’s Plaza and BOE	1
General – Do not want vehicular access to Mafale’s Plaza and BOE	4
General – Need crosswalk across Church Street, prefer raised crosswalk	2

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.