

JOINT MEETING

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT and COMMITTEE ON LANDS & BUILDINGS

December 15, 2009

4:30 PM

Chairman Garrity called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Garrity, M. Roy, J. Roy, Osborne, Smith, Shea, O'Neil

Absent: Alderman Gatsas

Messrs: R. Tillsley, L. LaFreniere

Chairman Garrity addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Communication from Scott G. Colby, New Horizons, requesting demolition of the buildings at 167 Manchester Street and a transfer of the property to New Horizons.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to discuss this item.

Mr. Roy Tillsley, Vice President of the Board of Directors for New Horizons, stated I don't think we were planning a formal presentation. Essentially, the City is the successful bidder on this property. We have been through the building with Bob Duval from T.F. Moran, who is also a Board member. Basically, from a cost effective perspective, it is going to be more cost effective for us to start from scratch and put something new on the site rather than rehab what's there. That's the genesis of what is front of you. We are still very much committed to using the site to supplement the services that we offer to the homeless population and community and to include some type of housing component. To do that we need to start from scratch rather than try to rehab what's there.

On motion of Alderman M. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman J. Roy, it was voted that the Board accept the request and authorize New Horizons to move forward with the project.

Alderman O'Neil asked is this going to report to the full Board tonight?

Alderman Garrity asked is it time sensitive?

Alderman M. Roy replied that was in the motion.

Alderman O'Neil stated someone may need to be around in case there are questions.

Mr. Leon LaFreniere stated I want to be clear that the motion includes both the transfer of the property as well as the City demolishing the building.

Alderman Garrity asked is that your motion?

Alderman O'Neil stated that's what I heard, Leon.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee