



Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee – Board of Representatives

Nina Sherwood, Co- Chair

Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: **NEW!** Thursday, October 24, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Land Use – Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above, jointly with the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee. In attendance were Land Use – Urban Redevelopment Committee Co-Chairs Sherwood and Tomas, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Campbell, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Matheny, Mays, and Summerville. In attendance were Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Matheny and Committee Reps. de la Cruz, Kuczynski, Saftic, and Weinberg. Absent were Vice Chair Sandford and Committee Rep. Gilbride.

Also in attendance were Reps. Fedeli, Morson and Stella; City staff Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; Burt Rosenberg, City Attorney; and members of the public.

Co-Chair Sherwood called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
1. PR31.036	REVIEW; Zoning of City Parks 10/08/2024 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny 10/24/2024 – Motion to adjourn to Wed. 11/13/24 at 7:00 p.m. via webinar to continue discussion approved 5-0-0 (Parks/Rec members)	Motion to Adjourn to 11/13/24 Approved unanimously 5-0-0

Land Use/UR Committee Secondary

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Hollas and Newman gave presentaton regarding parks in Stamford, impact of climate change on city parklands, and purpose of parklands per City Charter. Also reviewed was a draft document on the parks from 2018 (Erin McKenna's document) and discussion regarding greenbelt construction considerations.

A motion to recommit item to Steering was made by Rep. de la Cruz, seconded, but rescinded by Rep. de la Cruz after dicussion by both committee's members.

A new motion to adjourn the meeting to continue on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. via webinar was made (Rep. de la Cruz), seconded (Rep. Saftic) and approved unanimously 5-0-0 by voice vote (Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Matheny, Reps. de la Cruz, Kuczynski, Saftic and Weinberg)

2. [LU31.043](#) REVIEW; Widening of Garden Street between Henry Street and Dock Street. **Motion to Adjourn to Mon. 11/4/24 Approved 10-0-0**
08/12/24 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
08/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
10/24/24 – Motion to suspend the rules 11-0-0
10/24/24 – Motion to Adjourn to Mon. 11/4/24
Approved by Committee 10-0-0

Brief discussion regarding item and additional document (excerpt from City Charter regarding official claims) submitted to the item. Additional discussion regarding recommitting it to Steering. A motion to recommit item to Steering was made (Rep. de la Cruz), seconded (Rep. Adams), and unanimously approved via voice vote 11-0-0 (Land Use Committee Co-Chairs Sherwood and Tomas, Reps. Adams, Campbell, Camporeale,

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Co-Chair Tomas, seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote 11-0-0. Co-Chair Tomas introduced a discussion to assess the committee's appetite for a discussion of the petition rejected by the Zoning Board on 10/21/24. Co-Chair Sherwood gave a brief summary of the item and discussion ensued.

A motion was made to finalize the new review item (now LU31.045 REVIEW; to further discuss and investigate the rejected petition from the Zoning Board on 10/21/24), seconded and approved unanimously 10-0-0 by voice vote (Rep. Grunberger left the meeting just prior to this vote).

A new motion to adjourn the Land Use Committee meeting to continue on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. as a HYBRID meeting (being held simultaneously via webinar and in the Democratic Caucus Room) was made, seconded and approved unanimously 10-0-0 by voice vote.

Co-Chair Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).