

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
December 19, 2006

PRESENT: Marcia Moore Makadon, Acting Chair  
David Adelman  
Tumar Alexander, representing Pedro A. Ramos  
Lynette Brown-Sow  
Duane Bumb, representing Stephanie Naidoff  
Patrick J. Eiding

ABSENT: Vincent Jannetti  
Gloria Levin

Executive Director  
Deputy Executive Director

Janice Woodcock, AIA, AICP  
Gary Jastrzab

Acting Chair Marcia Makadon convened the City Planning Commission Meeting of December 19, 2006 at 1:14PM.

1) Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2006.

Upon motion by Ms. Brown-Sow, the City Planning Commission approved the minutes of November 14, 2006.

2) Executive Director's Update

Gary Jastrzab stated that Janice Woodcock would not be attending since she is in a meeting with the Mayor. He told the Commissioners that we have a short agenda today. He stated that in regards to the recent work on the Central Delaware Waterfront, that Penn Praxis hosted a series of meetings along the Delaware River. They had three meetings in the neighborhood communities, and they were successful.

3) Bill Nos. 060961 and 060966 Amending the FY2007-2012 Capital Program (Bill No. 060001, approved June 8, 2006) and the FY2007 Capital Budget (Bill No. 060002, approved June 8, 2006) by decreasing project amounts in certain departments and increasing projects amounts in other departments.

Mr. Jastrzab stated the Capital Program establishes a six-year plan for investing in the City's physical infrastructure, public facilities, and municipal buildings. The first year of the plan is the Capital Budget. When enacted by City Council and signed into law by the Mayor, the Capital Budget provides the legal appropriation to spend City funds to implement this plan.

The Home Rule Charter directs the City Planning Commission to make recommendations on all bills originating in City Council that affect the Capital Program. Unless such recommendations are received within 30 days from the introduction of the bill, the approval of the Commission is presumed.

On December 12, 2006, City Council introduced Bill Nos. 060961 and 060966 amending the FY2007-2-12 Capital Program and FY2007 Budget. For each of the last three fiscal years, these amendments transfer \$3.5 million of appropriations from the Recreation Department's *Improvements to Existing Facilities* project to similar projects in the Fire and Police Departments. The transferred funds will be used to make critical improvements and modernize existing Fire and Police facilities. The City Planning Commission staff recommendation is for approval of Bill Nos. 060961 and 060966.

Ms. Brown-Sow asked if this was because Recreation work is being done or because the Police Department and the Fire Department needs the funds.

Mr. Jastrzab replied that it is both. The staff believes that current appropriations for the Recreation Department facilities are sufficient, while both Police and Fire have been funded at levels less than true health, safety, and efficient public service needs. The Police Department and the Fire Department really needs these funds.

Mr. Bumb wanted to know if this would address the issues of the City Controller's report.

Mr. Jastrzab replied that it addresses some of those issues.

Mr. Eiding asked if there would be modernization of Police Department and Fire Department facilities.

Mr. Jastrzab replied that the Capital Program Office is looking to modernize and modify these facilities, and that this transferred funding would be used for this purpose, although specific improvements are still being determined.

Mr. Eiding stated that he was really concerned about taking funds from one to give funds to another without letting the Commissioners know what they would be used for.

Ms. Brown-Sow asked if these funds were over and above existing appropriated amounts, and why were they needed.

Mr. Jastrzab stated that these appropriations were being transferred between departments and there is no change to the overall total. The funds would be used for additional improvements to Police and Fire facilities, including life/safety issues, but that the details of these improvements are not yet finalized.

Mr. Bumb asked how they were going to do this.

Mr. Jastrzab replied that with the transfer of appropriations, the Administration, including Capital Program Office, and Council would consult to determine the improvements to be made.

Upon motion by Mr. Bumb, seconded by Mr. Alexander, the Planning Commission approved Bill Nos. 060961 and 060966.

- 4) Streets Bill No. 060893 An Ordinance authorizing and directing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 11-S, 42, 43, 97, 269, and 308 by placing on the City Plan South Street from its current terminus northwest of the northwesterly Pierhead and Bulkhead Line of Schuylkill River to the northwesterly Pierhead and Bulkhead Line of the Schuylkill River, widening South Street by 8' on the Northeasterly side from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to northwesterly Pierhead and Bulkhead Line of the Schuylkill River, widening South Street on the southwesterly side by 8' from Convention Avenue to the northwesterly Pierhead and Bulkhead Line of the Schuylkill River, placing a certain triangular portion on the westerly corner of Convention Avenue and South Street, placing a certain triangular portion at the intersection of southwesterly side of South Street and the southeasterly side of CSX Railroad Right-of-Way line and widening the northeasterly side of South Street by a variable width from the southeasterly Pierhead and Bulkhead line of the Schuylkill River to a point approximately 254' west of the westerly side of 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

AND

Property Bill No. 060894 An ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the city, to acquire by condemnation or by purchase in lieu of condemnation certain easements for the purpose of public right of way for a new bridge crossing the Schuylkill River through South Street.

William Erickson stated the purpose of Street Bill No. 060893 is to allow the Street Department to reconstruct and widen the South Street Bridge, and the purpose of Property Bill No. 060894 is to necessitate the acquisition of certain properties or easement for the right-of-way purposes because of the widening of the South Street Bridge. The Planning Commission staff recommendation is for approval. John Lutz from the Streets Department is here to answer any questions.

Mr. Bumb inquired what the Property Bill would entail.

Mr. Lutz, Chief Bridge Engineer, explained that there are 7 parcels: University of Pennsylvania, Amtrak, a joint parcel for the University of PA/AMTRAK, SEPTA, AT&T, CSX, and Vincent Rapinesi, who is the owner of a beer distributor, as well as, a drainage easement, and also a temporary easement for construction.

Ms. Makadon stated that the sketch, they were looking at, for the most part is aerial. She asked Mr. Lutz if he knew anything about the design of the bridge.

Mr. Lutz stated that he knew everything about it. There will be two 5' bike lanes, 4 thru lanes, and a turning lane.

Mr. Bumb asked what is the schedule.

Mr. Lutz replied from November 2007 to May 2008. May is the best time because of graduation and the Penn Relays. It would be 18 to 22 months. He said it is the biggest project that the Streets Department has ever done, and it would cost \$51 million. His predecessor was Bob Wright. He found out that the cost to us is 5% city money and PennDot work.

Mr. Jastrzab stated that this 5% is fully funded by the Capital Program.

Mr. Lutz will be supervising the entire project.

Ms. Makadon congratulated him.

Upon motion by Mr. Eiding, seconded by Ms. Brown-Sow, the City Planning Commission approved Streets Bill No. 060893 and Property Bill No. 060894.

Ms. Makadon adjourned the City Planning Commission Meeting of December 19, 2006 at 1:28PM.

## SUMMARY

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- 1) Minutes of the Meeting of 11-14-06 Approved
  
- 2) Executive Director's Update
  
- 3) Bills #060961 & 060966 amending the FY2007-2012 Capital Program (Bill #060001, approved 6-8-06) & the FY2007 Capital Budget (Bill #060002, approved 6-8-06) by decreasing project amounts in certain departments & increasing projects amounts in other departments. (Gary Jastrzab) Approved
  
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